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'BABY' LOU GRABS THE SPOTLIGHT



□ LOU HRISTODOULOU, the baby of Australia's World Youth Championship team.

BY BRAD EARL

LOUIS HRISTODOULOU, the "baby" of the Australian Youth squad, has made a big impression in the first two games of the World Youth Championship Oceania qualifying series at St George Stadium.

Lou, at 17, is qualified to play in the 1987 series, but he is already making a big impression in the WYC.

A versatile player, Hristodoulou is one of a contingent of eight Australian Institute of Sport players in the

Young Socceroo squad.

He won the central striking position in the team following Warren Spink's suspension from the current tournament.

Hristodoulou won the man of the match award in Sunday's vic-

tory over Fiji. He scored two of Australia's six goals, and was only denied a hat-trick three minutes from time by the woodwork.

Importantly for Australia, Hristodoulou and left winger Chris

Kalantzis are establishing a good understanding up-front after just two internationals together.

The Socceroos started tentatively in the WYC series, but came from behind to defeat New Zealand 2-1 in their opening match.

They play Chinese Taipei on Wednesday night and Papua New Guinea on Friday night before taking on Israel in what could be the series decider on Sunday.

National Youth coach Jimmy Shoulder said he is concentrating on his own team's and not the Israelis' performances.

"The only worries I've got are about my boys," Shoulder replied when asked if anything worried him about Israel.

"If my players do their stuff properly, I think we'll be hard to beat."

YOUNG SOCCEROOS WILL SUCCEED

BY NSW DIRECTOR OF COACHING, ALAN VEST

ONE thing is for sure after the Australia - New Zealand game — the Young Socceroos are going to be hard to beat.

I think this side can take Australia to the Soviet Union for the World Youth Championship Finals in August.

It's good to see we have a very fit and tenacious team, yet I have one personal observation which is not Jimmy Shoulder's.

I believe that Chris Kalantzis of Sydney Olympic should be playing in a position facing the defence. This would have to see him wider on the left.

With this I think the Youth team could have done much better against the Kiwis.

We looked quite composed at the back but there were certainly too many long balls played. They should

be looking for a little more variation in the play.

Players to stand out were keeper Paul Jones, who looked sound, Andrew Bernal, who was impressive on the ball and John Panagis.

Panagis certainly caught the eye and not only did he score but his work-rate was great.

One thing I was very disappointed at during the New Zealand game was the mass exodus with the score locked at 1-1. With the boys needing every bit of support possible, that was a poor effort by the fans.

Come on soccer fans, get behind the players because they need your

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□ CHRIS KALANTZIS powers his way forward.

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THE World Youth Championship qualifying series is building up to a tremendous climax on Sunday.

With two rounds played and three remaining this week, the Australian and Israeli Youth teams are heading for a soccer showdown.

It is very possible the two countries should go into the final match of the series with maximum points. Thus the series could finish with a virtual "grand final" to decide which team will travel to the Soviet Union in August.

There are a couple of matches that could alter the state of the nations this week, however.

On Wednesday night, Australia cannot regard Chinese Taipei lightly. Asian teams are often under-rated and the Chinese showed enough in their first game, despite going down to Israel 3-1, to suggest they could cause an upset.

And of course on that opening night

New Zealand went very close to destroying Australia's chances. However, the Kiwis' loss puts them two points behind and in a five-match series that is a big margin to concede.

The Israel — New Zealand game on Friday evening should be hotly contested, as a victory for the Kiwis would put them right back in the running.

Presuming Australia, New Zealand and Israel pick up maximum points from their matches against Chinese Taipei, Fiji and Papua New Guinea, the qualifying series may even come

down to goal difference if all three countries are level on points.

So it looks like being a very interesting week of soccer, with the promise of a couple of classic encounters.

ASW implores readers to do their bit for Australia; drum up support amongst your soccer colleagues and pack out St George Stadium on Sunday evening.

The Young Socceroos have earned public support with their gutsy second half comeback against New Zealand. They deserve more than 2,212 supporters.

WHAT A WEEK!

The World

The other matches

BY FRANK COLETTA

Israel.....3
Taipei.....1

AIDED by the impressive midfield work of Alon Nathan, Israel were able to down Chinese Taipei 3-1 after an even opening.

Israel were lucky to lead after seven minutes when star striker Yaron Cohen scored. The Israelis were surprised by the quick incisive counter-attacks by their opposition.

Chinese Taipei started like the proverbial house on fire but they also petered out by the time the latter stages of the second half came around. Israel's technical superiority was evident as they kept running the little Asians into the ground.

Yaron Cohen finished with a hat-trick but Nathan was the star player and will be Israel's major weapon in the series.

Fiji.....5
PNG.....1

THE two "rookie" sides of the tournament took centre stage for the opening of the World Youth Qualifying tournament at St. George stadium.

Although inexperienced, both teams showed vibrant enthusiasm in their play and in the end Fiji downed Papua New Guinea 5-1.

Fiji's midfield of Ivok Evans, Mohd Khan and Martino Neman were prominent early, especially captain Evans, who certainly has a touch of class about him.

PNG seemed out of their class against Fiji

which does not augur well for their remaining matches. They were a well-beaten side by the time Deama smashed a 14 metre volley home in the 13th minute, to record the opening goal of the tournament.

PNG's coach Hans Rademacher claimed: "We had no midfield and no coverage at the back," which is stating the fact mildly.

New Zealand.....4
Taipei.....1

IN what was a torrid and often brutal clash New Zealand "stream-rolled" Chinese Taipei in more ways than one, winning 4-1.

After Neil Cave put New Zealand ahead in the 14th minute the incidents began to happen. The most serious of these came when NZ's left-back Paul Olsthoorn (No 15) and Chinese Taipei's Pan Kuo-Liang clashed over a 50-50 ball.

Kuo-Liang was subsequently carried off on a stretcher with what appeared to be a serious injury.

As for the footballing side of things, the score did not reflect the closeness of the match. Chinese Taipei only fell down in the final 10 minutes, succumbing to the physical presence of the All-Whites and letting in two late goals.

The Asians' goal was a cracker, a right foot volley by Kuan-Chou that rifled into the net.

Israel.....6
PNG.....0

ISRAEL held no great fears for their match against Papua New Guinea, nor should they have. Yet their lackadaisical approach may cost them dearly in the near future.

From the outset it was a case of Israel continually attacking and Papua New Guinea grimly defending. Israel's relentless attacks earned them a 6-0 victory but they were by no means brilliant to watch.

This non-event may have revealed a semblance of a niche in Israel's make-up. They seem to be troubled by players who are willing to run at them.

Against Chinese Taipei they were worried by Lai Kuan-Chou and faced by PNG, Banono and Sindal seemed to unsettle them.

Not much can be said for PNG. Their goalkeeper John Tutumang is certainly not a Zoff or a Shilton!

PETER CELEBRATES

'HOME' GOAL

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

IT seemed rather fitting that Peter Petkovski scored Australia's winning goal in their first game of the World Youth Championship Oceania qualifying group against New Zealand.

Petkovski is the team's most experienced player with two year's National League competition under his belt with St George, on whose ground the series

is being played.

"It was great scoring the winning goal in my first international on Australian soil," Petkovski said.

Australia.....2 New Zealand.....1

"I'm glad I scored at St George Stadium. I'm getting to know every blade of grass there."

Australia started nervously. Young winger Sean Ingham had two good chances to open the scoring but poor finishing let him down.

On the other hand, New Zealand showed great purpose pushing forward and were unlucky not to score in

the 28th minute when a shot from Darren McLennan was saved by Australian goalie Paul Jones.

Two minutes later, New Zealand scored from the penalty spot. McLennan made a damaging run through the middle and was brought down by defender John Gregson.

Neal Cave made no mistake from the spot.

New Zealand maintained their forward momentum early in the second half and a powerful drive from Philip Barton beat Jones but not the woodwork.

Chris Kalantzis, unanimously voted man of the match, continually looked creative pushing forward and was unlucky not to score on a number of occasions.

Kalantzis' powerful attacking thrusts inspired his team-mates and in the 65th minute

Australia equalised.

Wollongong City midfielder Alex Bundalo skilfully curled the ball across from the right flank for John Panagis to head home.

Panagis was unlucky not to score six minutes later when he fired a Lou Hristodoulou cross from the left by-line over the crossbar.

In the 84th minute Hristodoulou's persistence paid off when he set up Petkovski's match-winning goal.

Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder was a relieved man after the game.

"I'm glad we played New Zealand in the first round. I think they'll beat Israel if they play the same way as they did against us," he said.

Man of the match: CHRIS KALANTZIS always looked well in control pushing forward and will be the star of the series.

Socceroo ratings

Jones 7
Hooker 6
Gregson 6
Bernal 7
Tobin 6 (replaced by McLennan)
Bundalo 7
Panagis 7
Petkovski 7
Hristodoulou 8
Kalantzis 9
Ingham 6

WORLD YOUTH CUP QUALIFYING TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Israel	2	2	0	0	9	1	4
Australia	2	2	0	0	8	2	4
New Zealand	2	1	0	1	5	3	2
Fiji	2	1	0	1	6	7	2
Chinese Taipei	2	0	0	2	2	7	0
Papua New Guinea	2	0	0	2	1	11	0



ROUND 3 — WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 20:

4.30pm New Zealand v Papua New Guinea
6.15pm Israel v Fiji
8.15pm Chinese Taipei v Australia

ROUND 4 — FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 22:

4.30pm Fiji v Chinese Taipei
6.15pm Israel v New Zealand
8.15pm Australia v Papua New Guinea

ROUND 5 — SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 24:

11.15am Chinese Taipei v Papua New Guinea
1pm Mini Ampol Cup Final
2pm NSW Ampol Cup Final — Blacktown City v Penrith City
4.30pm Fiji v New Zealand
6.15pm Australia v Israel

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□ PETER PETKOVSKI

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Youth Championship Oceania series

ROOS CONQUER RUGGED FIJI

Australia.....6 Fiji.....1

BY BRAD EARL

AUSTRALIA'S World Youth Championship contenders overcame the rugged play of Fiji to record a 6-1 win in the Oceania qualifying series on Sunday.

The Chinese Taipei referee, Mr Chen, struggled to control the physical challenge of the Fijians.

He cautioned four Fijian players, as well as Australia's Peter Petkovski for a foul in the 59th minute.

The "action" started after only 10 minutes when Chris Kalantzis upset the Fijian defenders with a flying header. A scuffle broke out and John Panagis was left lying face down in the penalty area.

Panagis recovered to have a header hit the post and then cleared off the line four minutes later.

In the 20th minute, the inevitable happened when Australia opened the scoring. Kalantzis, 15 metres out, finished off Rob Hooker's free-kick with a right foot

volley.

Australia went to a 2-0 half-time lead with a goal by Lou Hristodoulou in the 36th minute. Ingham's cross from the right was contested by Kalantzis and the Fijian goalkeeper Andrews, with the ball dropping loose for Hristodoulou to pounce.

Kalantzis' challenge on Andrews upset the Fijians, and another scuffle broke out three minutes later. This time Australian coach Jimmy Shoulder rushed on to the field to restrain his players.

"Our kids didn't expect the Fijians to go out and start kicking them, and that potentially could have cost us dearly," Shoulder explained later.

"To their credit they settled down

and got on with the game."

It took only four minutes of the second half for the third goal to be scored, and it began with a great ball from Peter Petkovski, a St George striker who is handling the responsibilities of central midfield quite effectively.

Alex Bundalo ran onto the ball on the right and crossed to the far post where Panagis headed in for a repeat of Friday night's equaliser against New Zealand.

In the 57th minute, Ivok Evans, probably Fiji's best player, made a determined run into the penalty area, only to be brought down by central defenders Andrew Bernal and John Gregson, and Evans scored from the pen-

alty spot.

The powerful left foot of Kalantzis whipped in the cross for the Socceroos' fourth goal in the 62nd minute, with Sean Ingham shooting into an empty net.

Number five came when Bundalo placed the ball perfectly for Hristodoulou to run onto, and he checked inside and shot along the ground.

Hristodoulou laid on the sixth in the 78th minute when he ran in from the left side and shot, with Andrews only parrying the ball into the path of Kalantzis, who scored.

Man of the match: ALEX BUNDALO displayed classy ball distribution and strong crossing from his right midfield position, setting up two goals.



□ ALEX BUNDALO pressures Marconi goalkeeper Bruce James.

'Socceroo ratings

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Hooker 8
McLennan 6
Bernal 7
Gregson 7
Bundalo 8 (replaced by Sharpe 81)
Petkovski 7 (replaced by Bassingthwaite 84)
Panagis 7
Ingham 6
Hristodoulou 8
Kalantzis 7

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support at the end when the game is at its most critical.

As for the game against Fiji, well six goals versus good opposition is very good. It was most certainly a solid and satisfying win, a top-class effort.

Australia's forwards, Kalantzis, Lou Hristodoulou and Sean Ingham impressed but again I emphasise that Kalantzis should be supplying more width on the left.

The Australians disappointed in one facet; they tended not to play their own game on occasions.

Finally I must say now that I can't see their not qualifying for the Finals in Russia.



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CHIT CHAT

MARTYN CROOK got back between the senior sticks again for West Adelaide.

With first choice Gary Sproul nursing a poisoned foot Crook got his chance and looked good, although coach Neil McGachey says the big blond is not yet back to peak match fitness.

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IT'S going to be a long, hard, winter for the new boys of the National League, Inter-Monaro.

There isn't much money in the kitty and the Queenbeyan side will have difficulty persuading good players to sign.

But at least the transfer of international Baz Giampaolo from Leichhardt represents a big plus for Monaro.

Leichhardt expected a sizeable transfer fee for Baz but they didn't get it on a contract technicality.

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PETER TREDIN-NICK, at \$10,000, could be the bargain buy of 1985.

Rated in one contest as the best player in Australia a couple of years ago, it's no wonder Marconi president Ron Cavagnino was delighted when he was able to get Tredinnick's transfer from Apia Leichhardt finalised.

"I am sure Peter will be a real acquisition for Marconi," said Cavagnino.



□ **PETER TREDINNICK:** bargain buy.

ISRAEL and New Zealand, furious about the standard of accommodation offered to their players in the World Youth Championship eliminations in Sydney, will not retaliate when Australian teams visit Tel Aviv and Auckland.

"As always, the Socceros will get top-class hotel accommodation in our country, with no more than two players per room," said NZFA official Ray Kerslake.

And the Israeli officials expressed a similar view.

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FORMER Young Socceroo winger Rene Licata of Marconi has been trialling with Leichhardt.

However, Penrith City have now entered the picture and Licata could turn out with the Browns this year.

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FORMER NSL coach Ken Kaiser heads the list of applicants for the vacant position of Northern New South Wales director of coaching.

Jim Foley's recent interstate move created the opening. Other applicants are former NSL striker Bob Mountford, ex-Newcastle KB United assistant coach Frank Campbell, Paul Keogh and Les Beath.

Northern NSW directors are expected to make their announcement this week.

IT now seems certain Apia Leichhardt's Bobby Parks will be in the Adelaide City goal by the start of the NSL Cup series.

Negotiations for SA Azzurri keeper David Miller have broken down, and he has gone back to the State League club.

Coach Edmund Kreft has already spoken to Parks and could sign him this week when he returns to SA in his job with Telecom.

Parks was originally with SA's Cumberland.

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CHRIS DUNLEAVY, who has taken on the coaching of Blacktown City's NSL squad following the resignation of Casey de Bruin, can't wait to get back into action on the field.

The much-travelled sweeper hopes to resume training in three weeks after breaking his collarbone in a road accident on the treacherous Bulli Pass.

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CANBERRA CITY coach Doug Collins doesn't want to shout about his team's chances in the NSL this year but he is certainly confident.

Best news Doug had in the close season was the return to fitness of key defenders Terry Byrne and Peter Burke.

"It's like getting two \$20,000 defenders without paying a cent," said Collins.

Both Byrne and Burke hardly kicked a ball for Canberra last season when serious injury threatened to force both into early retirement.

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BRISBANE LIONS' attacking spearhead Calvin Daunt has broken a bone in his foot and will miss the opening rounds of the National League.

Daunt, 24, broke the bone while only running at training. He felt a sharp pain and was shocked to see the foot swell instantly after he removed his boot.

An X-ray revealed the break and doctors summarised a stress fracture had finally broken through.

Daunt was one of the Lions' most effective strikers late last year and his dominance in the air won praise from a number of rival coaches.



□ **BOBBY PARKS** holds the ball for Leichhardt last season, challenged by Stuart Johnston.

THERE could be a few red faces among the organisers of the Nations Cup charity series held in Adelaide at the end of last season.

Former West Ham and England star Trevor Brooking is claiming \$8,000 in addition to the \$10,000 he has already received.

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WELL-KNOWN goal-keeping coach Brian Williamson is currently in St. Joseph's Hospital Auburn for traction to overcome an upper spinal problem.

We hope to see him back on the job within a week or two.

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ADELAIDE CITY, although they have a sponsor willing to bring out a name player, still haven't found one, despite the efforts of former star Dixie Deans and other British agents.

City are now considering asking Nello Scarpa, who made a six-week guest appearance last year, if he would be interested in coming back for a longer period.

Scarpa looked good in midfield, but as a guest player it was obvious he was looking after himself for the Italian season.

THE Pollygrass pitch at the Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra is the home ground of the AIS side.

AIS coach Jimmy Shoulder gets very angry when visiting teams say they don't like playing on the artificial surface.

"It's magnificent — if you like a true bounce from the ball," said Shoulder, adding: "Try comparing that with some of the pitches like Cook Park where we have to play our away games!"

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FORMER Young Socceroo Danny Wright, who missed much of last season with an ankle injury has had a further setback to his NSL career.

Wright, an apprentice electrician, is attempting to catch up the studies he missed while playing soccer and has told Lions officials he can only train one night a week for the next few months.

On that basis, Lions coach Gordon Arrowsmith has reluctantly told Wright he could not be considered for NSL.

"I have to be fair to the others who are putting in three or four nights a week. But I am sure once the studies are over Danny will be pushing for a place," Arrowsmith said.

CANBERRA CITY coach Doug Collins says all he needs to have a really good campaign is a top class striker.

And the striker he needs could arrive soon from the UK.

"With so much local talent around I don't like importing players but in this case, there isn't much alternative," said the Canberra boss.

Frontmen Alan Reis and Frank Farina both left Canberra at the end of last year.

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ONE player expected to do well with Wollongong City this season is rangy defender Scott Dickson.

Coach Adrian Alston switched Dickson from striker to the back-four last season because of a lack of height in the defence.

"I had a look around the dressing room at training one night and Dickson was the tallest player in the place so I asked him to have a go at the back for me," Alston said.

"He took to the new role straight away and proved an ideal foil for stopper Ray Vlietstra."

Dickson didn't have too much experience at his new job as a bout of glandular fever caused him to miss a few games towards the end of the season.

BRISBANE LIONS stopper Alan Hunter will have the appearance of a boxer this season.

Hunter clashed with Russell Stewart's elbow in a heading duel last week and broke his nose — only three weeks after an operation to reset it.

Doctors have told Hunter it would be a waste of time to reset the nose again until the end of the season as there was every chance he would break it again.

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BRIAN NORTH-COTE, Adelaide City's powerhouse midfielder, has had a setback in his comeback bid.

Out since 1983 when he had groin operations, back problems and a bad ankle injury, he is nursing a hamstring.

But he is confident it is only because he threw himself back into the game too soon after only a moderate build-up.

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SPOTTED at his job at the "Mister Minit" engraving shop in Penrith was Apia Leichhardt's Tony Genovese.

The young right winger is hoping to lock a position with Apia this season. In fact he could be a key player in their NSL challenge this year!

ISRAEL BOSS SPEAKS OUT

THE ASW INTERVIEW

YOSSEF MERIMOVITCH, Israel's World Cup manager, has accompanied their youth team to Australia for the Oceania World Youth Championship elimination series. **JOHN ECONOMOS** spoke to the man who will guide Israel in their World Cup qualifying matches against Australia later this year.

Q: How long have you been in charge of Israel's national squad?

A: Only for the last two years.

Q: Which of the six nations do you expect to win this Oceania youth tournament?

A: I don't really know who is going to win, but I can tell you that the Australian and New Zealand teams are both very strong sides. They play with ambition, are quick and play good football.

Q: How long has this Israeli youth squad been together for preparation?

A: Only about six weeks.

Q: Are there any members of this youth squad looking ready to be pulled into the Israeli World Cup squad to do battle with Australia later this year?

A: Of these players, no-one. They are not good enough and are too young with no senior experience.

Q: Yaron Cohen has already scored five goals in this tournament. How highly do you rate him?

A: He is too young just now. It is the first time he has been selected in the youth team. In another three or four years he may be ready for senior football.

Q: What was your playing background before you became national manager of Israel?

A: I must tell you something before I answer that question. My older brother, who was an international player in my country, came to Australia back in 1939 and stayed as a player-coach in Perth. Then the war started and he joined the Australian Army and went over to fight in the jungles of New Guinea.

He was killed on May 12, 1945, near the end of the war. And then after this (I was about 16), I took his place.

By that, I mean I started to play. Not in the first team of course, but in the

youth side in the same club as my brother — Maccabi Tel Aviv. This is a famous club in Israel.

I played there for nearly 17 years. I was first selected in the national team when I was nearly 17, and played for the national team until I was 33.

Q: What position did you play for Maccabi Tel Aviv and for the national team?

A: I played in all the forward positions and the last seven years as an outside-left. Then I started to coach teams and by 1964 I coached the national side and won for the first time the Asian Championships as well as the club championship for Maccabi Tel Aviv. Then I coached most of the major teams in the Israeli League, and now I'm back as the national coach.

Q: Who were some of the great players you rated highly over the past 20 years?

A: I played in Yugoslavia as well, against some greats such as Cajkovski, Bobek, Mitic, Beara, Vukas and Milutinovic. They were very great players. I played against some great England players as Billy Wright and Bobby

Moore (when he was young he came to Israel with the Under 20 England team). I am a fan of English football.

I can't say that I copy English tactics but have a close experience with English football. Liverpool, Manchester United and Spurs I brought to Israel, in fact I brought Spurs five times. I am like a promoter in my country.

Q: Which nation do you see taking out the 1986 World Cup?

A: Not an easy question. But I think a South American country should be favourites, because a South American country in that part of the world have always won it.

Q: Last December, you flew to England to watch Australia play against Manchester City. What impression did you get of Australia's World Cup side then?

A: I watched Australia defeat Manchester City 3-1, but also went and saw Australia in some of their other games as well. I even flew down to Italy and watched Australia. I think Australia was a good strong side but it is not so easy to

play against good English sides in England.

Q: As a national manager, what qualities do you look for in a player to select him in national squads?

A: I prefer players with a big heart, give their best, and give all they know in the game. I don't want more or less, just their best and give what they know. If they give their best and we have no success then maybe the other team is better. What I don't want to see is a lazy player who doesn't give his best with his heart when representing his country.

Q: You saw Australia play overseas in more than just one game. What were some of the weaknesses you detected in the Australian defence or attack-line?

A: I don't think I'm going to be critical about the Australians. I think it would be best for me to be critical of my side. Australia has a coach and a good one in Arok.

When the Israeli squad flies out of Australia next Monday, it won't be the last we will see of Yossef Merimovitch.

Like General Douglas MacArthur once said: "I shall return."



□ ISRAEL manager Yossef Merimovitch arrives in Sydney with Youth team coach Nissam Behar.

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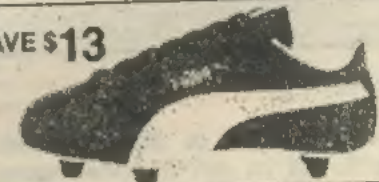


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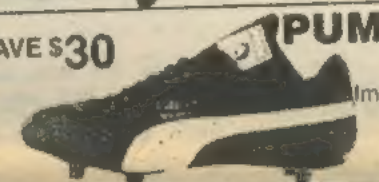


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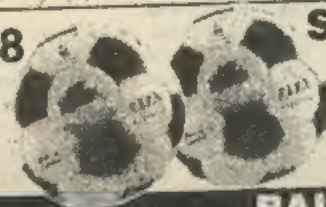


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WHAT MUST MELTA DO?

ASKS TOM McKAIN

WHAT does Sergio Melta, the NSL Player of the Year and Adelaide City midfielder star, have to do to get national squad recognition?

Another list has been "issued" of potential additions being considered by coach Frank Arok, but Melta does not figure on it.

We are told that Tony Dakos and Chris Kalantzis (Sydney Olympic), Steve Blair (South Melbourne), Geraldo Gomez (Sydney City) and Rod Brown (Marconi) are on the verge.

And Gary McDowell of South is a possible — when he meets the required residency qualifications.

From Scottish club Hamilton, he is a visa player, and like at least two other members of the last Soccerroos squad has still to become an Australian.

At least Melta makes that grade.

Unless City reaches the finals it is doubtful if he will be seen as a potential Soccerroo as both the national team coaches — Arok and Sydney City's Eddie Thomson — are based in NSW.

The only senior player to get anywhere near the current squad was Adelaide City's Joe Mullen.

But unfortunately for him he failed in front of goal last year, and even the most biased SA fans would have to agree that Arok had to ignore him when it came to final claims.

But if Melta can maintain last year's form this season, he surely must come into the reckoning.

The Australian Soccer Federation's policy of limiting import to give local youngsters a chance can be seen as admirable.

But if they don't stick to that policy when it comes to the Soccerroos, where is the point?

For Melta, and others like him, it is frustrating to be lauded at home and interstate only to find they are "kings" only in their own backyard.

While Melta is out in the cold, his team-mate full-back Alex Tobin has a toe in the door as a member of the Soccerroo Youth squad.

The same goes for West Adelaide's John Panagis, another NSL player who is challenging Melta as SA's midfielder.



□ SERGIO MELTA (right) receives the Wedgwood Bowl as the 1984 NSL Player of the Year, applauded by NSW Premier Neville Wran.

SOCCERROO CANDIDATES COME TO THE FORE

BY KEITH GILMOUR

NEW vistas have opened up for players on the verge of Soccerroo selection thanks to the addition of two extra games to a tour by English and Italian clubs.

These matches have come about because of a pact between the Australian Soccer Federation and the National Soccer League under which they will be added on to a three-game series between the chosen English and Italian First Division clubs.

National coach Frank Arok welcomed these opportunities and stated that new blood would be given its chance to impress.

"Everyone knows the nucleus of the team. It is a matter of who the additional players will be," he said.

Many of the Australian 'B' team players proved themselves outside the Soccerroo pale in the World Series last June. The same applies to some others who went to China and Europe in November/December.

Objective

Arok's prime objective on that tour was to maintain credence by securing as acceptable results as possible.

This was done but some players proved that their future sphere of activity will be at club level, where they still have the chance to excel.

It looks certain that the competing teams will be Tottenham Hotspur and Udinese, so no wonder Arok is happy.

It is certainly time that Canberra City's Anthony Franken received his chance to turn out as Terry Greedy's understudy.

Franken's development classes him as potentially one of the best keepers that Australia has produced.

Premium

Sydney City is inevitably to the fore once again. Grant Lee's skills on the ball have grown markedly and defender/utility man Geraldo Gomez is a prospect.

Steve Blair of South Melbourne is well re-

garded by Arok for central defence.

Capable right-backs are at a premium, which brings David Skeen (St George) and Ralph Maier (Newcastle) into consideration.

Another central defender of merit is Robbie Dunn (Preston), whilst Leichhardt left-back Mark Brown has potential.

In midfield Paul Wade (Brunswick



Juventus), Jimmy Patikas (Sydney Croatia), Peter Tredinnick (Marconi) and Russell

Stewart (Brisbane Lions) spring to mind. Forwards of ability include Graham Arnold (Sydney Croatia) and Rod Brown and David Lowe of Marconi.

Another perspective on players will come from NSW coach Alan Vest's selections for the Queensland game.

With the technical excellence of the Israelis and the highly competitive Kiwi attitude, Arok and assistant Eddie Thomson have the job in front of them.

The road to Mexico '86 is a rocky one indeed. Nothing must be missed in directing Australia's efforts towards success.



□ GRANT LEE: ball skills.



□ ROD BROWN (left) watched closely by Mark Pullen.

ISRAELI CAPTAIN FEARS ROOS

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

Lior Rosental, captain and libero of Israel's youth team, has been most impressed by Australia's two performances so far in the Oceania tournament at the St George Stadium.

Immediately after Israel crushed Papua New Guinea 6-0, the giant Israeli skipper, far from happy, said: "We are only satisfied with the result, not the score. We should have won by 10 goals at least."

"I am convinced that Australia is the team to beat."

"Even though New Zealand also plays hard, I feel that Australia, with the home advantage, is the strongest team as we saw last Friday when they came back very strongly against New Zealand."

When Lior was asked which Australian player he rated highly, the free-back said with a smile: "I think your goalkeeper is very good. The team has good, strong players."

But when asked how Israel would be placed after the remaining three matches, Rosental answered with scepticism: "I think that we can win this tournament, but we don't boast. We just play and talk after game."

AMBITIOUS BRETT SEEKS PRO CAREER

BRETT THORNTHWAITE, the young midfielder at Blacktown City, is one of numerous Australian-developed players looking with keen interest to England and Europe.

Thornthwaite since his early childhood has been groomed by his father Ted to play professional soccer in England.

Numerous professional coaches were employed for short spells by Mr Thornthwaite to develop a range of skills that would enable young Brett to compete in England.

I was one of those who coached him briefly as a boy.

I came across him again three seasons ago when coaching Bankstown.

Brett was then 15 but I was impressed enough to be ready to put him into our first team squad.

Progressed

However, his father preferred a more successful club and he went to Blacktown where he has progressed well and is now making a name for himself.



BY MIKE JOHNSON

He is now 18, a good all-round midfielder with unusually good vision for an Australian player.

But can he make it in England?

Numerous players have gone in recent years to England and Europe, but none of them has really made it at the first division level in a major soccer nation such as Germany, Italy, Spain, England, or with any of the major South American countries.

Many players have almost made the breakthrough: John Kosmina, Eddie Krncevic, David Mitchell are some of the latest, with Alan Davidson still trying to consolidate a top spot at Nottingham Forest.

The big problem all of these players are facing

is the huge step up from our soccer to first division soccer with a top nation.

It is alright to play a few good games against top touring sides, but it is an entirely different proposition to be able to compete with these full-time pros day-in and day-out in their own countries.

Tougher

Craig Johnston made it in England at the highest level for a variety of reasons and the major one was he went over at 15 and brought his game up to the level needed in England while still very young.

The Mike Gibsons of Penrith and the Brett Thornthwaites find it much tougher.

Nevertheless this will not stop our top play-

ers from trying their luck overseas and they can always go to lower level soccer nations as a second choice, as several of them have done.

This constitutes a continual drain on our top talent and something needs to be done to replace that talent.

That something is the importation of top talent from overseas.

Our soccer needs stars.

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Not guests, but contracted stars such as Dixie Deans and Roberto Vieri who brought such colour to our soccer.



□ BRETT THORNTHWAITE

NSL LAUNCH

IT is launch time for the National Soccer League on Friday.

The official function to launch the Northern Division will be held at the Hilton Hotel, while, at the same time in Melbourne, officials will gather for the launching of the Southern Division.

Press, sponsors, NSL executives and club officials will hear plans for the new season.

The NSL this year has gained the valuable sponsorship of the Greek Government-owned airline Olympic Airways.

It is rumoured that an associated sponsor could be in the offing to support the 24 clubs.

Olympic Airways sponsorship deal to the NSL is worth \$200,000.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

LEMAIR REWARDS YOUNG CHAMPIONS INCENTIVES FOR ROOS

LEMAIR, an Australian distributing company of electrical appliances (including heaters, air-conditioners, refrigerators, washing machines and televisions), has swung its weight behind the current World Youth Championship elimination series at St George Stadium.

The national sales manager of Lemair (Aust) Pty Ltd, Mr Harry Marr, has authorised an incentive sponsorship of valuable prizes to be awarded to the best player representing Australia in each of the Young Socceroos' five matches.



□ MR HARRY MARR

A "Player of the Series" award, judged by a panel of Sydney soccer journalists, will be presented on the last day of the Oceania elimination series. This player will receive a magnificent colour television set, valued at \$700.

Mr Harry Marr said: "I believe there should be an incentive for team members of the Australian side to try just a little bit harder and hopefully win one of these wonderful prizes to take home to mum."

"The contest then culminates with the Player of the Series — a colour television receiver going to this worthy player. It is more than possible that one of the original five winners will double up and win this TV receiver, valued at \$700."

Lemair's product manager, Mr Theo Varvaressos, said: "We are proud to be associated with the Australian Youth team and with our company's sponsorship, believe we are giving valuable and added support to Australia's Young Champions."

Already two of the Lemair awards have been won.

The first winner in last Friday's match, Australia v New Zealand, was Sydney Olympic striker Chris Kalantzis, who received a domestic air-conditioning unit.

Last Sunday, in the rugged match which Australia crushed Fiji 6-1, central striker Louis Hristodoulou, the 17-year-old baby of the Australian side, won a freezer.

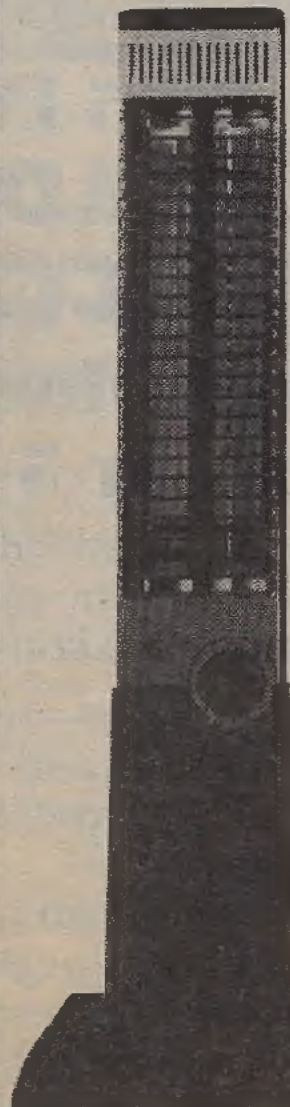
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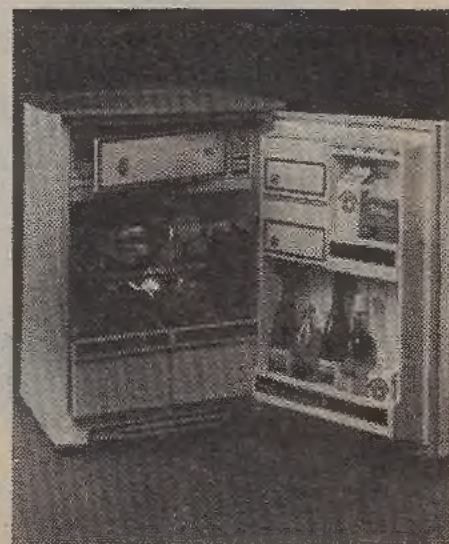
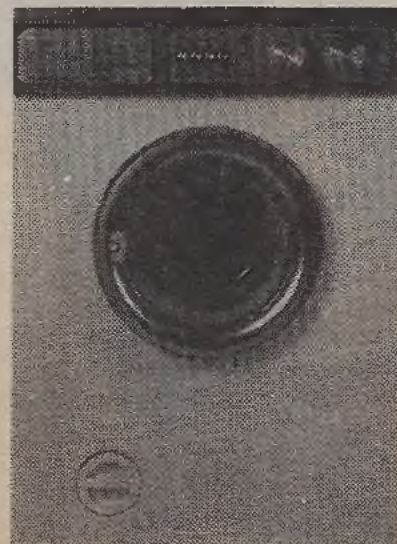
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DOUG COLLINS had cause for concern and Willie Gallagher reason to smile following Newcastle Rosebud United's 2-0 defeat of Canberra Olympians in their Prime Minister's Cup clash at Adamstown Oval.

"We didn't put it together at all," said a despondent Collins, commenting on Canberra's form.

By contrast Newcastle's Gallagher was beaming at the form shown by debutants Mark Jones at left-back, and winger Dale Robertson.

Aged 18 and 20 respectively, the pair slotted neatly into a Newcastle

team that, although obviously short of match practice, showed flashes of real inspiration.

Skipper Joe Senkalski scored both goals, the first in the 56th minute when he slipped behind the defence to convert a Robertson cross, and the second from a 66th minute indirect free-kick inside the box.

While Canberra might

BY NEIL JAMESON

easily have led at half-time after Ian Gibson hit

the crossbar, it was Newcastle's better combination that permitted the home side to create the lion's share of the



□ JOE SENKALSKI

chances.

The only minus for Gallagher was the 13th minute departure of Simon Brandt with a twisted knee. There was genuine concern in the Newcastle camp that the young striker may have suffered ligament damage.

The match was played in the afternoon rather than evening, due to a

delay in the erection of Adamstown's new lighting system. The switching-on ceremony is now timed to coincide with next Saturday's Newcastle v Sydney City challenge match.

Man Of the Match: While teenage Newcastle centre-back Neil Owens had an inspired match, it was dual goal hero JOE SENKALSKI who gets

the nod for providing Newcastle with the ingredient Canberra lacked — cohesion.

NEWCASTLE: Goaling, Maier, Owens, Boogaard, Jones (Fawkes 64), McQuarrie, Senkalski, Brandt (McLellan 13), Milosevic, Kerby, Robertson.
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FAWKES ASTOUNDS NEWCASTLE COACH

BY NEIL JAMESON

WHEN newly-signed midfielder Brett Fawkes returned from his honeymoon a fortnight ago, Newcastle coach Willie Gallagher put him over a gruelling 2.4 kilometre run against the clock.

"He blitzed it," reported a pleasantly astounded Gallagher.

"I'd heard that Brett was a fitness fanatic but I had to ask him whether he was sure he'd really been on a honeymoon!"

The 22-year-old Fawkes, signed on a dual registration with his

Northern NSW club Cardiff, is the new face in a midfield in which competition for first team shirts will be red hot.

Fawkes, the 1984 Northern NSW Player of the Year, has been tossed in with Joe Senkalski, David Jones, Bernard Kerby, Mal-

colm McClelland and John McQuarrie to fight for the four available positions.

At this stage club captain Senkalski looks the only one of the six who can feel confident of a place.

Handicapped

While most NSL outfits have been involved in pre-season tournaments, Newcastle have been handicapped by a lack of match practice.

They were excluded from a local pre-season competition but had a hit-out against West Wallsend prior to last Saturday's Prime Minister's Cup match against Canberra.

Newcastle's next game will be against Sydney City at Adamstown on Saturday as a fund-raising endeavour for a local telethon.

By then Gallagher should have a fair idea which players will head the club's 1985 challenge.

To compensate for the absence of matches, the Newcastle coach has placed greater demands on his players' fitness levels. That's why a trainer as enthusiastic as Fawkes can prove such a valuable influence on the rest of the squad.

Says Gallagher: "You'll meet few more dedicated or professional young men than Simon Brandt and Ralph Maier who are both highly motivated trainers. So, when a new player comes to the club, it's a real bonus to see that he is right up to that standard."

"Brett doesn't have the touch of a Joe Senkalski but his perseverance, speed over the short space and his durability are real bonuses."

"The number of goals he scored last year suggests that he likes to get forward, but I've been pleasantly surprised by his work-rate and willingness to get back and tackle."



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
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He was Australia's Under 23 captain last year, now Howard Tredinnick is

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□ MAIN PICTURE: Howard Tredinnick on the ball for Parramatta Melita.
□ INSET: Flashback to Australia's team in the 1981 World Youth Championship, with Tredinnick pictured third from right.



NO OFFERS AT \$15,000

BY NEIL JAMESON

WITH just a few weeks remaining before the new National League season kicks into gear, talented left-back Howard Tredinnick has no idea which club will enlist his services.

Tredinnick, who captained the Australian Under 23s in the Merlion Cup tournament and was one of his country's stars in the 1981 World Youth Championship Finals, has a \$15,000 transfer fee on his head, and nobody pays that sort of cash for defenders.

The former Newcastle KB United man spent last season with Parramatta Melita after joining the Sydney side for a transfer fee of \$10,000 and signing a two-year contract.

When Melita struck relegation woes, Tredinnick expressed his desire to play National rather than State League soccer and the club agreed to place

him on the transfer list. Thus far there have been no nibbles and while Tredinnick believes that Melita are open to negotiation, he is not expecting anyone to rush in and slap money on the table.

Dilemma

"Ideally, I'd have preferred to stay another season in Sydney but that hardly looks possible unless I decide to set out the 1985 season in the State League," he said.

The dilemma has not prevented him training and he has been a regular at Newcastle Rosebud pre-season sessions, a factor which

has encouraged coach Willie Gallagher to consider securing Tredinnick on a loan arrangement.

The likeable left-back is partial to a return to Newcastle as he has to remain in the area this year to complete his qualifying exams as a mining surveyor.

There is no doubt Newcastle would welcome the depth and experience he would add to the back-four.

Last season was a tough chore for Howard as he was employed near Newcastle, lived on the Central Coast and travelled the 90 kilometres to

training and matches four times week.

"I thought I played reasonably well but setting into a new club and the pressure of travelling meant my form was often patchy," he said.

So far he has been impressed by what he has seen at Newcastle.

"The only drawbacks to date have been a lack of match practice and the absence of genuine depth," he reported.

"But with players like Mike Boogaard, Joe Senkalski and Clint Gosling, Newcastle have the experience to compensate. I'm sure they'll have a successful season whether they secure me or not."

LIDCOMBE OVAL IS SOCCER TARGET

BY TOM ANDERSON

IN a dramatic turn of events in the New South Wales Supreme Court last week, Lidcombe Oval suddenly loomed as the number one target to become the headquarters of Sydney soccer.

With \$1 million of government money ready and available to develop a Sydney soccer stadium, NSW and Australian Soccer Federation officials have narrowed their search down to two sites — Lidcombe Oval and St George Stadium.

Other previous sites, such as Henson Park and the Sydney Sports Ground, have been deemed unsuitable.

On Thursday, when the NSW Supreme Court unanimously ruled against Western Suburbs taking part in this year's NSW rugby league competition, the possibility of Lidcombe Oval as soccer's new home became a distinct reality.

Lidcombe is the home of the Wests rugby league team.

And with the Magpies out of the top competition, such a fine stadium would be wasted if confined only to junior rugby league games.

Ideal

The NSW government and the local council also realise this.

Lidcombe Oval is ideally suited and located for a national soccer stadium. It has plenty of parking facilities and is close to Lidcombe railway station.

Its present facilities could be developed into a top-class stadium and a real home for Sydney soccer.

As of course could the St George Stadium, which also has the potential and indeed is already well on the way to becoming a great stadium.

Now that the field seems to have been narrowed down to two sites, a final decision on the matter should be chased with all urgency.

NSW Soccer Federation president John Constantine said this week that he intends to seek im-

mediate talks with either NSW Premier Neville Wran or Minister of Sport Michael Cleary or both, to ascertain how the promised grant of \$1 million for the development of a new stadium will be forthcoming.

It is likely that Mr Constantine and ASF president Sir Arthur George will meet the politicians either this week or next to discuss the matter.

"We must now pursue the matter with the utmost urgency and get the project moving immediately," Mr Constantine said.

"It's long past time that we had our own big-time soccer stadium in Sydney and with this generous grant from the state government forthcoming, time is of an essence."

It is also on the cards that a prestigious FIFA Gold Cup tournament will be held in Sydney in 1988 as part of Australia's bicentenary celebrations.

Our own soccer stadium is a must if such an event is to be staged.

Also the present situation that exists without a real soccer stadium in Sydney makes it very difficult to bring overseas touring teams here.

The rental fees and demands to hire stadiums to stage matches against overseas team is financially crippling to associations and promoters.

In such circumstances, valuable cash is "thrown down the drain" and lost to the code forever.

If soccer in Sydney had its own stadium this wasted ground rental money would stay circulated in the game and a much healthier climate would then prevail.

However the situation now looks bright and with NSW soccer president John Constantine and ASF president Sir Arthur George very much on the ball, a real soccer stadium in Sydney Town is just around the corner!

During the recent tour with the Socceroos I had the chance to look at some of the best club stadiums in Europe.

Although it would be marvellous if we could have grounds of the stature of Ib-

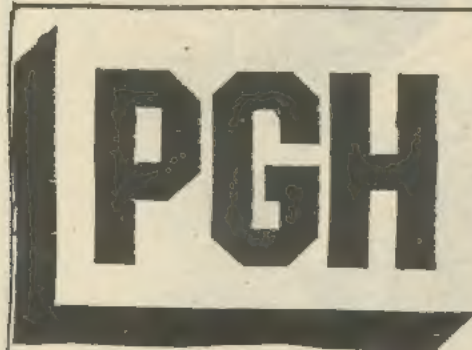
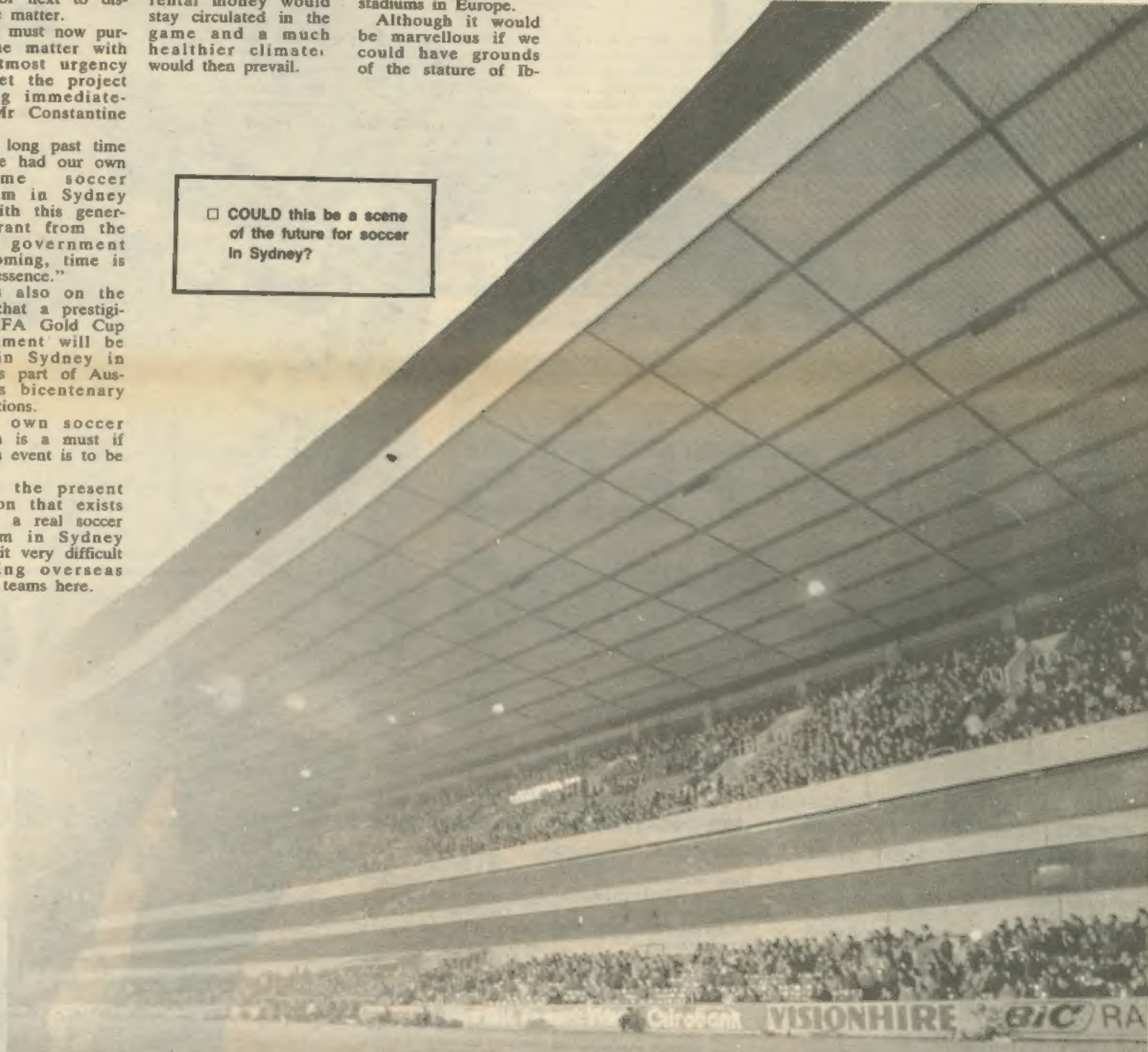
rox Stadium, Old Trafford, Highbury or the Udine Stadium, it's just not practical and what's more the finance isn't available.

However, the St George Stadium could easily be developed into a similar ground to the one at Shepherds Bush, headquarters of QPR.



□ JOHN CONSTANTINE

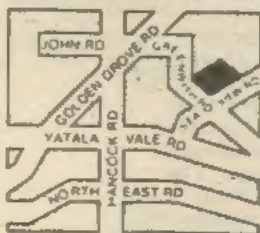
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Australia started its international campaign early in 1982. Men's and women's all age teams toured New Zealand and returned as victors of the inaugural trans Tasman Cup.

In late 1983 three teams — men, youth and women — toured America and each won their respective competition.

It was this trip that pleased Australian Indoor Soccer president Joe Brent.

"This was great for the Australian game," he said.

"When you put everything into perspective, we had to adapt to different rules, conditions and indoor courts.

"We won 11 games, drew three and lost only four.

"What more could you ask for?"

Last year six teams travelled to different parts of the world and only one team returned as losers.

The all-age men's team competed against New Zealand and won the second Trans-Tasman Cup. Injuries forced the Australian team to use two New Zealand players for two games.

BY ANDREW PASCHALIDIS

The youth team, Australia's greatest ambassadors, returned from a successful tour of Japan, winning 11 games, drawing one and losing one.

This team dazzled Japanese crowds, scoring 79 goals, including comfortable victories over both the youth and men's national sides.

Australia sent two teams — U16 girls and boys — to compete for the second Continental Cup in America.

The boys were outstanding, winning four games and drawing one. In fact, the youngsters recorded three extraordinary wins, 16-2, 14-4 and 16-0.

The girls were just as successful, winning five games and drawing one with a goal tally of 62 for and 16 against.

Two boys teams, U14 and U15, toured New Zealand as a follow up to the men's tour and both recorded impressive results.

The U15s finished their four game series with two wins, one draw and one loss while the U14s won one game and lost three.

It was these successful tours which led to the world governing body, Federacao Internacional De Futebol De Salao, inviting Australia to join FIFUSA.

Brent, who was recently elected vice-president of FIFUSA, says this is an important move for the game in Australia.

"This shows how highly regarded Australia is in the sport,"

he said.

"We are proud of the achievement but it has been the combination of skill, dedication and the Aussie spirit of will to win that has given us these excellent results and put us in the limelight."

Indoor soccer was first formed 14 years ago mainly because bad weather forced soccer teams to train indoors.

From such a small beginning, the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation boasts more than 70,000 members with many more registrations expected this year.

It's this growth that has forced the Minister for Sport, Mr John Brown, to employ a full-time national director through the Sports Development programme.

This position was voted upon during the

recent national titles with Dennis Murray being the successful applicant.

As well as this important step for the code, interest has started to grow amongst sporting companies.

World sports supplier Umbro is sponsoring Australian teams for a large sum this year.

Over the world indoor soccer is played under different rules and conditions but most countries, particularly South America, play "Football De Saloon".

Later this year an all age men's team will be competing in Spain at the World Indoor Soccer Cup and they will be playing this style of game.

If they can adjust quickly and record favourable results, Australia will have well and truly stamped itself on the world map.

AUSSIE INDOOR ACTION



□ AUSTRALIAN Indoor Soccer president Joe Brent, presents New Zealand president John Turner with a commemorative t-shirt.



□ JOHN LANGMOR, MP for Fraser, who represented Australian Minister for Sport John Brown at the National Championships.



SEVEN TOURS PLANNED FOR 1985 SEASON

THE Australian Indoor Soccer Federation has announced seven ambitious tours for the 1985 season.

Over the Australia Day weekend national titles in Canberra, in which over 1,200 players competed, Australian teams were selected to meet the challenge of overseas competition.

An U14s boys team will travel to Japan. The side is: P.Rago, R.Heap, J.Simmons, G.De Martin, A.Leatherbarrow, S.Mounarath, W.Ardone, J.Felzon, C.Walters, A.Araujo, T.Rizzotto, M.Refenos.

The U15s will also play against Japan. The team is: I.Smyth, J.Morgan, T.Ugrinic, S.Baralic, A.Gaspavovic, M.Blagosevic, C.Ienco, G.Hubbard, R.Davis, A.Hembessis, G.Jordanov, S.Umpleby, P.Turner, N.Mihac, M.Deguarz, R.Row, C.Higgins, S.McGregor.

The U16s will be the first Australian team to travel to Italy. The side is: S.Petkovic, Z.Total, S.Taleski, K.Vella, V.Sinjanoc, J.Grajuc, R.Nogler, J.Zadkovic, S.Miscic, T.Neal, A.Christodouzos, C.Whitehouse, B.Watkins, D.Parker, D.Hargraves, N.Shute, K.Scott, S.Duval, P.Riley, R.Grubba, J.Smart, D.Scott, P.Kovacsics, N.Plataniotis.

The junior boys youth team face Holland in an inaugural test series. The side is: G.Saville, T.Kotias, D.Charlesworth, G.Briggs, S.Skennda, S.Spirakis, N.Genaris, D.Benson, N.Rodopoulos, C.Kontos, S.Chilas, T.Paraskivitis, B.Duval,

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The world-rated boys youth team will be competing in a world tournament in Brazil. The side is: D.Conway, W.Duggan, P.Heggarty, L.Flrese, A.Genc, G.Pearoudis, P.Tiller, A.Beckers, L.Moon, T.Ormod, C.Druce, D.Hamilton, E.Osman, G.Tour, A.Koussas, S.Thompson, P.Stromquist, D.Tanti, M.Cassar, A.Cassar, D.Bearman.

The all-age women are back on the representative scene after a one-year absence and will travel to either America or Holland. The side is: D.Cooperthwaite, K.O'Sullivan, K.Lembryk, K.McCully, S.Young, L.Olsen, C.Heydon, J.Ellice, N.Dall, J.Porter, S.Monteath, E.Seln, M.Van Edmond, A.Bawden, S.Cassar, J.Stanbridge, V.Christie, J.Schroder, D.Smith, B.Collins, M.Doyie.

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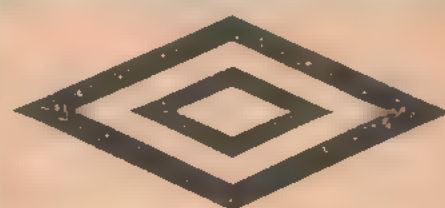
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□ IAN HUNTER

CUP WILL GO WEST

Blacktown2 Rockdale1

BY KEITH GILMOUR

BLACKTOWN CITY'S 2-1 win over gallant Rockdale Ilinden set the scene for a shoot-out with fellow westerners Penrith City in next Sunday's Ampol Cup Final at St George Stadium.

Blacktown did create more opportunities, but the only real difference between the sides in the middle of the park was young Brett Thornthwaite's running off the ball and creativity on it. Larkin had an early

This semi-final took a long time in search of an elusive goal to really spark it off but in extra-time the fireworks erupted. John Larkin played the ball on to Phil O'Connor right in front, and O'Connor

nor managed to guide the ball home just as he was brought down. Blacktown must have been awarded a penalty kick had O'Connor missed with his shot.

Jim Ristovski equalised with a glancing header from Kenny Slavski's corner. The third goal came within a four-minute span, when Larkin tucked away his penalty shot following a handball incident.

shot saved by Nick Kotzohambos.

On this display Ilinden will be the team to beat in the NSW State League this year.

Man of the match: If **BRETT THORNTHWAITE** can continue in this vein, with chip passes, fine crosses and shooting, he will be worth his weight in gold to the Demons.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Skellern, Rasmussen, Wheatley, Pointer, Hormazabal, Thornthwaite, Knight (Selvage 72), Larkin, O'Connor.

ROCKDALE ILINDEN: Kotzohambos, Degney (Nikolovski 55), G. Wilson, D. Wilson, Forrester, Blackburn, Slavski, Slavski, Ristovski, Papes, Trajanovski (Brown 31).
REFEREE: T. Davies.
CROWD: 900.

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□ JOHN BRADLEY

BRADLEY BOOSTS DEMONS

Blacktown2 Avala0

BY KEITH GILMOUR

JOHN BRADLEY, the \$15,000 capture from Leichhardt, and Socceroo winger Phil O'Connor resumed their former Leichhardt partnership when they helped to lift Blacktown City into the Ampol Cup semi-finals.

The Demons cruised to a 2-0 win over Avala at Marconi Stadium, with goals from John Larkin and O'Connor himself.

Bradley did enough to show his wing potential, whilst Steve Knight's touches were enough to endorse his first team potential.

After five minutes, quick-breaking Larkin drove high and hard into the Avala net, after which Blacktown were content to knock the ball around.

Avala's best moves came from enthusiastic Andy Tracey and after half-time they threatened to score.

Right-back Robert Lucchesi raced deep into the Demons' penalty box only to be denied a goal by Rod Skellern's brave tackle.

O'Connor was later thwarted by Goran Atalajic in a run through the middle but with five minutes remaining, he outdistanced Ben Divani to end the scoring at 2-0.

Man of the match: Lively **PHIL O'CONNOR** switched from flank to flank with intelligence and crossed and ran to advantage.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Hoare, Skellern, Rasmussen, Wheatley, Pointer, Hormazabal, Thornthwaite, Knight, Bradley, Larkin (Shaw 56), O'Connor.

AVALA: Ahrens, Lucchesi (Milne 51), Divani, Lembrink, Sijalja, Cootes, Jordan, Da Silva (Atalajic 32), Tracey, Carney, Bratkovic.
REFEREE: P. Smith.
CROWD: 550.

PANTHERS POWER

Penrith2 Apia0

BY KEITH GILMOUR

ON the face of it Apia Leichhardt were expected to have enough power to outgun Penrith City, but the reverse was the case as the young Penrith boys ran away to a 2-0 Ampol Cup semi-final win.

Willie Wallace played six original players and the substitute David Felix, all of whom are very early in their careers.

The one who shone the most was South African-born Randell Easthorpe, who troubled the Apia players right throughout the game.

Also starring were winger Ian Hunter, who is happily in his stride right from the start, and goalkeeper Mike Gibson.

Hunter's early goal capped off a Peter Brogan free-kick and after that Jeff Ainsworth just failed to get his weight behind the ball from a similar position to Hunter.

Leichhardt came back in the picture in a five-minute spell late in the first half.

Ali Reda was moving well into position when Rob de Ceglie's pass was hit too hard, whilst

Kerry Caban and Arno Bertogna found Gibson in great touch.

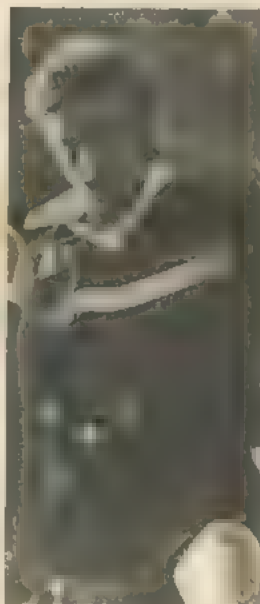
In the 55th minute Easthorpe went up to guide in a header from Hunter's corner, with the ball evading goalkeeper Bobby Catlin's grasp.

Man of the match: Physically stronger than last year, **RANDELL EASTHORPE** was a continual threat to Leichhardt and severely tested their defence.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Nix, McIntosh, Ainsworth, Hunter, Toohey, Easthorpe, Hale, Shute (Felix 59).

APIA LEICHHARDT: Catlin, Spina, Brown, Butler, Pullen, Bertogna, Genovese (Jones 55), De Ceglie, Caban, Reda, Morsello.

REFEREE: G. Warrne.
CROWD: 900.



□ JOHN LARKIN

Shute shoots for Penrith victory

Penrith1 Melita0

BY BRIAN KANE

THE absence of 1984 NSL regulars Roy Cotton, Paul Daley, Brian Jackson and Ian Wotherspoon, has given a number of young Penrith City products the chance to impress in the pre-season Ampol Cup series.

And it was 17-year-old striker David Shute who scored a fine goal to give Penrith victory over Parramatta Melita in the Cup quarter-final at Marconi Stadium.

Penrith opened in ambitious style with Ian Hunter hitting the post with a 22 metre shot after only nine minutes.

Melita struggled in midfield, and whenever the ball was played in the air in search of strikers Barry Walker and Don Allan, Penrith stopper Dave McIntosh was equal to the task.

After 37 minutes Peter Brogan came forward from right-back to have a dig from the edge of the penalty area, calling on Melita goalkeeper Steve Giffin to save spectacularly.

Seven minutes into the second half, Shute broke clear but Giffin

came out of the area well to save, but two minutes later Shute was to succeed in beating the Melita goalie.

Ever-reliable Panthers left-back Mickey Cross chipped the ball to Shute on the edge of the area, and the youngster did well to chest the ball on the turn and volley past Giffin for the only goal of the match.

Man of the match: **PETER NIX** with a hard-working, all-round display of defending and attacking in Penrith's midfield.

PENRITH CITY: Gibson, Brogan, Cross, Ainsworth, McIntosh, Nix, Toohey, Hale (Carbone 64), Hunter, Easthorpe, Shute (Felix 59).

PARRAMATTA MELITA: Giffin, McPherson, O'Rourke, Wilson, McCoy, Laing (Williams 74), McAusland, Vial, Allan, Walker (Hennessy 54), McKie.

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MELITA AIM TO BOUNCE STRAIGHT BACK TO NSL

BY FRANK COLETTA

PARRAMATTA MELITA are approaching the 1985 season in State League determined to win their way back into the National League.

The Eagles were relegated from the NSL last season, with bottom-placed Wollongong City protected from relegation by the development status set-up.

Melita secretary Sam Vella summarises the feelings of Melita supporters when he says: "This season we are determined to regain our deserved place in the NSL."

Quite obviously all and sundry hold high expectations for the year. For coach Mick Jones and the players promotion is the number one goal.

Says Vella: "Although we are confident we know it is not going to be easy by any stretch of the imagination."

"Some teams in the State League just don't allow you to play football."

"An example is Penrith, even though they are in the NSL. The other night in the Ampol Cup match they just wouldn't play normal soccer. They continually punted the ball up the middle, just hitting and hoping."

"Against this is the match we played against Croatia; they allowed us to play some good stuff, as they did."

Vella outlined the club's acquisitions for their State League campaign.

"We have signed Steve Giffin, a goalkeeper, but that spot is far from settled," he said.

"Alex McPherson, last year's keeper, is more or less in limbo. He is trialling with Marconi and as yet no verdict has been reached on where he will play."

"We also have Jay O'Rourke at left-back. He had a stint with Marconi a couple of years ago and quite impressed, although he tends to forget to play football on occasions, relying on the long ball a few too many times."

"Greg McCoy is back with us after a year of retirement, and he will be an acquisition to our back-four."

"Another player out of retirement is Peter Hensman."

"Sydney Croatia defender Glenn Sterrey is also with us and we expect to sign Barry Walker soon."

But Vella is cautious about the coming season.

"By signing all these players we might take time to settle on a combination, which is quite worrying," he said.

"Once we get the required blend we should do very well."

"We have Ray Farrugia (broken toe), Billy Griffiths (twisted ankle) and Alex Jamieson (burnt foot) all to come back from injury."

Vella also said young striker Wayne Farnsworth is recovering well after missing most of last season through injury.

"Wayne has now started straight running in training, and he has also worked very hard in other ways such as swimming and especially weights."

"It should be about one month before he tries more strenuous exercises on the leg."

A skilful young player, Anthony Lewis, is one player to watch this season.

"Anthony has class. He is a very good and promising player. He has just started training with us and will play up-front."

The construction of a grandstand at Melita Stadium is underway, and, according to Vella, it is looking good.

"We take pride in our club and especially our fans whom we think are the greatest," he concluded.

"They will benefit greatly from the new facilities and hopefully they will come out and continue to support."

□ RIGHT — WAYNE FARNSWORTH: on the road to recovery.



□ RAY FARRUGIA: to return from injury.

MASS EXODUS HAS POLONIA IN SHAMBLES

BY FRANK COLETTA

IT would seem certain that Polonia's new coach Chico Vojnovic has earned himself a true baptism of fire in taking over the reigns at Polonia.

This season Polonia's players decided coincidentally to leave en masse, catching club officials unawares.

Even if they had been on the alert not much could have been done for the lack of money.

Coach Vojnovic takes up Polonia's tale of woe.

"Last year there were around 15 first team players and this year we have only one left."

"Important players such as Mick Fogarty and Ian Barker have left and two of our Polish imports have gone home."

"The one man from last year remaining is Henry Sobczyk."

"As for signings, there is no money for them, although Dennis Colusso, formerly of Marconi and Penrith, has come to help out."

"We are also looking at signing a Polish player by the name of Pop, and that could be finalised soon."

A player by the name of Mohammed has also been acquired from Avala in a seemingly vain attempt to revitalise the depleted Polonia forces.

Chico continues: "The simple fact of the matter is we haven't a first grade side, far from it in fact."

"Players such as Nowak are out for the season. He claims he has a back injury. The rest have just gone to other clubs."

Last season Vojnovic coached Albury City and the Riverina representative side.

The lack of talent or cohesion has not been better demonstrated than in Polonia's few matches this term.

Against Uruguay Auburn they were whipped 5-2, then they went to Bossley Park for a trial, where Marconi wiped the floor with them and gave them a scrub and polish as well



□ HENRY SOBCZYK: only remaining player from 1984 squad.

to the tune of 10-0!

"What can I do?" Vojnovic asked.

"I'm unable to field a proper side. Youngsters come in and say 'How much will you pay us?', and then they decide if they want to play!"

"I have no defence at all, no full-backs, sweepers, stoppers, nothing. With me are two boys from Wagga, and I'm hoping they will develop."

"All I can do is work on the players' fitness and attempt to put a bit more discipline into their play."

"I couldn't be happier with the staff," Vojnovic concluded. "The people leading the club are great, but unfortunately this doesn't count for much out on the paddock."

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FRIENDS of the late George Campbell will stage a testimonial match for the former St George, West Woden Juventus, Downer Olympic and Canberra player at Gamison Oval, Canberra, next Sunday, February 24.

The popular and likeable Canberra star was tragically killed in a motor accident last year, leaving a young wife and three young children.

His death has shocked the Canberra sporting community in general and the soccer fraternity in particular.

Functions arranged by the testimonial committee include next Sunday's match and a fund-raising dinner at the Downer Soccer Club on Saturday, March 2.

Next Sunday's testimonial will see two feature matches: Camp-

bell's former Downer Olympic team-mates against his former West Woden Juventus team-mates at 4pm, followed by Canberra Olympians NSL side against West Woden Juventus' current first team at 6pm.

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SANTRAC SHINES AS ADCITY FIRE IN CUP

BY TOM BIRKALL

ADELAIDE CITY is riding high in the South Australian Ampol Cup and if form holds it will be a threat in the coming National Soccer League season.

With nine goals in their two opening games — a 5-1 win over Salisbury and 4-0 against Birkall — fans fear their heroes may have peaked too soon. But coach Edmund Kreft denies this.

"If the goals are there we have to take them," he said.

"Believe me, we are still building for the winter season.

"It is a gradual process."

This week's game (Friday) against Beograd will be academic, with City already having qualified for the semi-finals.

Perform

But there will be no let-up.

Kreft has emphasised to his players that they must perform at all times.

"We want the fans to come and see us and they will only do that if we win and win well," said Kreft, who had a heart-breaking season in the NSL last year when City had to struggle to keep out of the relegation zone.

Now everything seems to have fallen into place with the minimum of fuss.

And not a great deal of cash has been spent.

The \$5,000 for Beograd midfielder Adnan Santrac was a bargain on current form.

The ball-player is burning in the middle of the park and shooting on sight.

In his new team he has shown he is not just a free kick expert, and can make it in the NSL.

He had a season with West Adelaide but was not signed by coach

Alan Vest, but by the committee before Vest was signed.

The latter released Santrac at the end of a season and he returned to Beograd.

Strength

The comeback by ironman Brian Northcote has also given the team more strength in midfield, leaving Charlie Villani to charge into the box — or weave his way into it.

Villani got a hat-trick on opening night, then another against Birkalla and is all class, as is Sergio Melita, still looking good enough to be a Socceroo.

So well have City played so far that other coaches are singing their praises.

West boss Neil McGachey had an appointment on ethnic

radio and planned to watch City for only 15 minutes against Birkalla.

"I became so wrapped in the game I decided I had to stay and watch the full match," said McGachey.

"Their one-touch soccer was super to see, and if they can keep it up they will be hard to beat in any competition."

Beograd's Uros Zivkovic was also shattered by the City form.

"They just look so far above anyone else at the moment," he said.

"I think we will score against them because we are an attacking team, but we would be kidding ourselves if we said we were certain winners."

"The ball is round and anything can happen, but on form City

are favourites at this stage for the Cup."



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BRISBANE CLUBS TO SWITCH

THE two Brisbane clubs in the Olympic Airways NSL will be in the Northern Division in 1986.

NSL chairman Sam Papasavas said that the switch will be a simple matter — provided that neither Canberra City Olympians nor Inter Monaro are relegated.

Papasavas said: "The annual general meeting agreed that the Queensland clubs should play in the Northern Division in future."

"Neither Canberra nor Inter Monaro have any objections to playing in the Southern Division."

But relegation for either of the latter clubs could upset the applecart.

If one of them went down, the NSL would then be struggling to find an alternative solution.

Certainly the proposed idea keeps matters neat and tidy.

Divisions would remain with 12 clubs apiece.

If Brisbane joined in with NSW and the ACT stayed, the Northern Division would have 14

TO SWITCH

BY KEITH GILMOUR

teams and the Southern 10.

Not an impossible solution, but surely an awkward one.

The North would have two rounds and 26 matches.

The South would require three rounds, which means an almost even 27 matches.

There would be too much dilution of playing strength if extra teams were brought into the Southern Division.

The Brisbane changeover will occur as it does not

affect the substance of Blacktown City secretary Peter Thorne's resolution.

Thorne successfully moved that the NSL stabilise itself with two 12-team divisions for the next three seasons.

It was Green Gully Ajax president Guy Spiten who put the icing on the cake.

He accused the NSW clubs as acting as a cosy little group which was involved in little travel, whereas the South operated out of Melbourne, Adelaide and Brisbane.

The disparity in travelling was so marked that Spiten quickly won his point.

TOM IS BACK. WITH THREE GOALS

BY GREG RUSSELL

FORMER Brisbane Lions NSL striker Tom McGregor has returned to Richlands after a three-year spell — and the ambitious 24-year-old has set himself three season targets.

McGregor, who made his NSL debut as a 17-year-old, has made his first target to win back a place in the talented young Lions team.

He also wants to gain a spot in the Brisbane team to play Ipswich in the Kruger Cup.

And finally, McGregor is aiming to be selected in the Queensland team to play NSW and the squad to tour Fiji.

But unlike the brash, outspoken youngster who left Lions three years ago for seemingly greener pastures at Premier League club Olympic United, McGregor has now adopted a patient and professional approach to his goals.

"They are my targets, but if things don't happen straight away I am definitely prepared to wait," he said.

McGregor, who scored 25 League goals with Olympic, re-joined Lions for a bargain \$2,000 — marginally less than the fee at which he left the club.

His signing at Richlands ended a concerted bid by Mount Gravatt to lure him to Dittmer Park.

"I chose Lions because they made me feel welcome. There is a whole different atmosphere at the club now, Gordon Arrowsmith is definitely a players' coach," he said.

In other Lions news, goalkeeper Rob Farrow has been given the go-ahead from specialists to resume training after a wrist operation.

Farrow, who already has broken his scaphoid in his left hand, injured the same wrist late last year.

It was feared he may not play again until well into this season.

The former Queensland and Acacia Ridge keeper will find it difficult to win his old place back.

Former Sydney keeper Wayne Evans has made every post a winner since he was given the No 1 shirt back and former Lions NSL keeper Brett Beves is back at the club and pushing for inclusion in the first team.

PIMBLETT — CITY ROW HEATS UP

BY GREG RUSSELL

BRISBANE CITY captain Frank Pimblett has been suspended by his club for the first two NSL games in a controversy which could sour Queensland's preparations for the annual clash against New South Wales.

City also has asked Pimblett if he wants to be put on the transfer list and the midfield organiser has listed playing in Sydney as one of his alternatives.

Pimblett has been in dispute with City over what he believes is a reluctance by the club to strengthen the side which finished second-bottom last season.

He has refused to attend pre-season training under new coach Tony Lowndes.

Queensland coach Bruce Stowell has made it clear that no exceptions would be made when he selects his squad for the April 25 Perry Park clash with NSW.

Incident

"When it comes to picking this season's state squad, I will only be looking at players who are playing and have proved their fitness," he said.

Until last week, City seemed content to wait for Pimblett to front. But matters came to a head after an incident at Lions' Richlands Stadium.

City president John Ciavarella accused Pimblett of "making jokes" about City in the clubhouse after the NSL team only drew 1-1 with Premier League team Coalstars in a Silver Boot pre-season match.

Ciavarella added that Pimblett's presence had "upset other players".

"It is not fair on the club," Ciavarella said.

Pimblett so far has not commented on the suspension which will include the opening NSL Cup game against Marconi. But it is understood that prior to the latest developments, he was very close to a return.

But he also was quoted recently saying he was considering sit-

MIDFIELDER SUSPENDED

ting out the entire season.

Ciavarella, who admitted the suspension had added fuel to the fire, said City would await Pimblett's reply to their transfer request letter before acting further.

"If he wants to turn up and train then we will forget everything that has happened. But if he wants a transfer then I won't stop any person doing what he wants to do."

"We won't be putting a big transfer fee on him."

"The Queensland Soccer Federation,

which was looking to field a strong team for this season's big representative programme and in particular avenge last year's defeat by NSW, is understood to be gravely concerned over the controversy involving the state captain.

Pimblett is one of Queensland's most experienced players with the ability to direct operations in the Maroon side. But unless the situation is resolved soon, the talented midfielder may find he is too far behind in fitness to be considered by Stowell.



□ FRANK PIMBLETT: controversy.

LIDDELL'S

FUTURE UNCERTAIN

BRISBANE CITY may renew efforts to bring back defender Frank Liddell, currently playing in the Scottish Second Division with Dunfermline.

Frank Pimblett, who has refused to attend City's pre-season training, told officials he would return to Spencer Park if the club negotiated a new contract with Liddell.

Liddell, who is unaware of Pimblett's proposal, wants to return to Australia and apply for permanent residency.

Although retained in Australia by City, Liddell has been playing for the past three months with Dunfermline.

And he refuses to leave Scotland until he receives a long-term playing offer in Australia.

Liddell also has not ruled out the possibility of switching to a Sydney or Melbourne club.

Time is running out for Liddell, as his re-entry visa expires on February 24.

Pimblett said: "If he (Liddell) comes back it would have a big bearing on my starting to train again."

"Frank is too good a player to lose if it can be

avoided, and obviously it can.

"I can understand him not wanting to come back to Australia until a new offer has been made and if Brisbane City are serious about this year they will do all they can to get Frank back."

Liddell said in a telephone interview from Scotland last week that Brisbane City had not made any serious approaches for him to return to Australia.

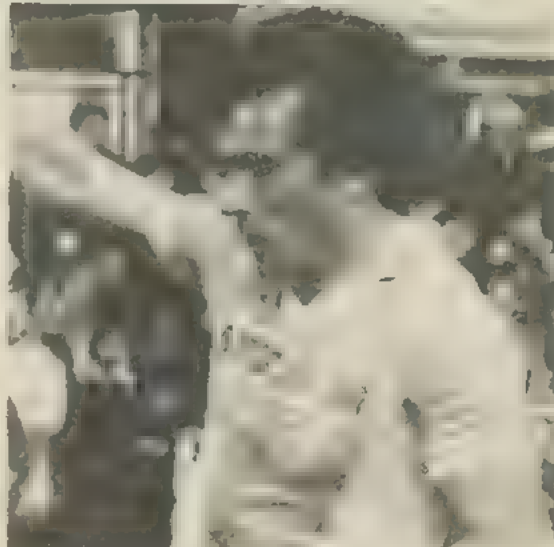
"Nobody has made any moves to bring me back and I just can't jump in a plane and hope for the best," Liddell said.

"In my position, money is a big part of it. It would be silly to leave everything here without a secure future in Australia."

"I wouldn't mind playing in Melbourne or Sydney if I came back because certain things are a lot better there than in Brisbane. But that is not to say if Brisbane City made a good offer that I wouldn't be happy playing there."

Following the latest revelations, it is understood City president John Ciavarella has initiated new moves to get Liddell back to Spencer Park.

If City can negotiate Liddell's return, the big defender who was the lynch-pin of the NSL team last season could resume playing immediately.



□ FRANK LIDDELL: in Scotland.



□ THIS early morning shot of the picturesque Hennes Sports School shows some of the supporters who had begun to gather in the hope of catching a glimpse of the West German National team players.



□ FRANZ BECKENBAUER (left) with Lufthansa soccer tour captain Glen Archer, a Premier League player in Brisbane with Grange Thistle.



□ FORMER FIFA coach Dietmar Kramer (centre) and German coach Uwe Hausmanns (far right) with soccer tour leader George Pagan and players Glen Archer and Greg Derrington.



□ FOOTBALL teacher Uwe Hausmanns (left) and soccer tour leader George Pagan practice heading in the magnificent indoor soccer stadium at Hennes.

YOUNG AUSSIES EXPERIENCE TOP SOCCER — GERMAN-STYLE

BY GEOFF STEAD

LIKE a finely-tuned Mercedes, the mechanics of West German football are working very well.

And although the national team has not quite hit top speed, it definitely is no longer plummeting downhill as things seemed over the past four years.

A new "chief driver" has been installed, a new revamped image has been employed and the wheels of success are beginning to turn again thanks to one of the most efficient production lines in the world.

And a group of young Australians late last year were given the opportunity to "hitch-a-ride" on the West German sports machine.

The youngsters, aged between 14 and 22, were part of the third annual Lufthansa soccer tour to Germany, and apart from the usual matches, sightseeing and homestays of previous years, the itinerary this time included training alongside Franz Beckenbauer and his national team.

The experience, undoubtedly one of the highlights of the young Australians' soccer careers, took place at the magnificent Hennes Sports School, outside of Bonn.

Complete venue

The Australians have become regular visitors to the Sports School, which is one of the best soccer training facilities in Germany. It boasts four outdoor fields and a further two indoors, indoor and outdoor pools, tennis courts and basketball courts and a sports hall catering for a wide range of sports from gymnastics to weightlifting — plus hotel-like accommodation for 250.

It is a complete training venue, and for that reason, Beckenbauer also chose the picturesque Hennes Sports School for his team's final preparations for their opening World Cup qualifying match last October.

The German stars, including Rummenigge, Alfons, Schumacher and Forster, slept, ate and trained alongside the Australians. At one training session nearly 4,000 people turned out to watch the national team stars. And the fans could not help but cast an inquisitive eye over the young Australians training on an adjoining field.

The fact that so many people were allowed into the training venue signified a new image for the German national team. Since Beckenbauer was appointed to control the national side last season. He has attempted to remove some of the barriers built up over recent decades that has left the team aloof from the German people.

The maestro now encourages fans to attend the training sessions and urges his players to acknowledge the presence of the supporters. At the conclusion of one training session, flamboyant West German keeper Tony Schumacher, one of the heroes of the national team, staged an impromptu shoot-for-shower competition with several outfield players.

The exciting "game" which featured some acrobatic saves from Schumacher had fans cheering and roaring for more. The fans continued to cheer at Koln Stadium two days later when West Germany scored a 2-0 win over a hapless Sweden. Beckenbauer and his team were again heroes.

But it has not been all smooth going for Beckenbauer, one of the finest players the world has known. Despite his brilliance on the field, Beckenbauer suddenly found that not everyone was his friend when he was given the national team job.

Tough system

There were protests that Beckenbauer had no formal qualifications and had been appointed ahead of many others who had worked long and hard to gain their certificates. But the problem was overcome by calling Beckenbauer "team chief".

The team "coach" is the highly-qualified and well-respected Horst Koppel, who won many fans

among the Australians with his open and friendly manner.

Typical of the West German soccer system, making it to the top in coaching is as tough as making it on the field.

There are four levels of coaching with the ultimate being the "football teacher". To obtain the classification, not only are years of experience needed but a course taking six months must be completed and a 60-hour refresher course must be undertaken every half year after the certificate is obtained.

The young Australians were again lucky to meet one of Germany's most respected "football teachers" Dietmar Kramer, now coach of first division side FC Leverkusen.

Kramer, who toured Australia as a FIFA coach many seasons ago, was delighted to meet up again with players from "down under" and eagerly asked about the progress of the code in a country which impressed him greatly.

Kramer also took a small group to watch a Leverkusen training session, which was one of the toughest but well-planned and professional workouts seen by the Queensland coach, George Pagan.

The thoroughness of training sessions seems to be inherent in German coaches and Lufthansa soccer tour coach, Uwe Hausmanns, is no exception. Hausmanns, coach of outstanding amateur side FC Bonner, is one of the up-and-coming "football teachers" who is expected to break into the big-time coaching arena within years.

Mixed bag

Hausmanns has coached all three Lufthansa tours and achieved amazing results with players, who often have not met each other until they have arrived at Brisbane airport for their departure.

This year's tour was indeed a mixed bag, with players coming from as far as Cairns and Rockhampton as well as Brisbane. But after 10 days of intensive training, utilising all the facilities at Hennes, Hausmanns, with the aid of tour leader Pagan — the Queensland Under 15 coach — picked a team which achieved startling results.

The players had been drilled on the West German style of play which encouraged calculated build-ups, using the full width of the park, complimented by flashes of individual skill highlighted by fainting and turning. When defending the team channelled back into defensive arcs around the goals.

The side, adapting to the foreign method extremely fast and won four of its five games against top young German opposition, scoring 15 goals and conceding six. The last two games, played during the enjoyable week that the team spent being billeted by family's in Horchst (near Darmstadt), included a 4-1 win over the local side and a 5-1 romp over FC Erbach.

"The Germans are always surprised by the commitment and enthusiasm of Australian players on the field and this year's team was no exception," Pagan said.

Past players who have benefitted from their stay in Germany include Australian Under 16 squad member Damien Butler, who 12 months ago turned down a chance to play in the national Under 15 titles to go to Hennes. His sacrifice has since reaped rewards.

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JUNIOR SCENE

Compiled
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A CHALLENGE FROM CHINA

BY FRANCIS CHUNG

WITH more than 2,250,000 registered players, China is fast becoming a powerful and skilful soccer nation, juniors being their main basis of growth.

China's continuing support for juniors has been rewarded with the hosting of the first U16 World Cup, to be played in August.

The Chinese selectors will choose a squad of 40 players shortly after the national titles which are to be held in May.

The 40-man squad will then begin a full-time, live-in camp during their summer vacations (June).

At this camp, a final team of 22 players will be chosen to represent both China and the South Asia Zone in the inaugural U16 World Cup.

During the six-week camp, the Chinese squad will concentrate on the five main elements which they believe are vital to any team in international football.

These are theory, strategy, skill, condition and physical ability.

The Chinese emphasise that no international team would succeed in soccer if it did not constantly practice these five disciplines of the game.

The Government-funded Chinese

team is likely to train at the Beijing Workers Stadium. China's national stadium has been designed not only for international competition but also as a perfect training arena.

Not only does it have a soccer field of high repute but also a hotel and gymnasium which is used for high-standard competition.

The Chinese will use the U16 World Cup as a stepping stone for the development of their juniors into the senior ranks.

After the World Cup tournament, the players will return to their respective schools. They will be trained by specialised coaches who will prepare the youngsters for the U19 Youth team and eventually help them break into the senior team.

EDITOR'S NOTE: Francis Chung is a 15-year-old junior soccer player in the Manty Warringah district, who wants to be a sporting journalist. He had a holiday in China recently and, on his return, submitted this article to ASW.

CONTROVERSIAL FINISH IN MINI-AMPOL

SEVEN minutes additional time added on by the referee in the semi-final between Marconi and Blacktown City for time-wasting and injuries allowed Marconi to overtake Sydney City and join Blacktown City in next Sunday's Mini Ampol Cup final.

Marconi won 3-2 in the extended time against Blacktown and as a result the polished Sydney City missed out.

The three teams ended on two points each but Sydney City were eliminated because they had scored fewer goals than Blacktown.

Sydney City's goal arrived from a set-piece when they convincingly defeated Marconi 1-0; later Marconi scored through Paul Okon, Clinton Norris and Alvaro Cabral when they defeated Blacktown 3-2.

Blacktown's Graham Garrett scored from one of his team's few chances when Blacktown defeated Sydney City 1-0.

But Blacktown slipped up when Marconi's long-throw expert caused panic in their defence.

The final will be played

ed at St George Stadium on Sunday at 1pm as part of the World Youth Championship - Ampol Cup Final special day.

RESULTS

Round 9.

Group A: Avala v Southern Districts 1-0, Apia v Bankstown 3-0, Sydney City v Gladesville 2-1, Central Coast v Croftie 4-1 Manly bye.

Group B: Baulkham Hills v North Bankstown 4-2, Mar-

coni v Sutherland 2-1, Nepean v Canterbury 7-0, Blacktown v Melita 2-0, Granville bye.

Semi-finals: Blacktown v Sydney City 1-0, Sydney City v Marconi 1-0. Marconi v Blacktown City 3-2.

FINAL POINTS

Group A: Sydney City 16, Gladesville 11, Central Coast 11, Apia 10, Southern Districts 8, Croftie 7, Avala 4, Bankstown 3, Manly 2.

Group B: Marconi 15, Nepean 12, Blacktown 10, Sutherland 8, Granville 7, Baulkham Hills 5, Nth Bankstown 4, Canterbury 4.



TEAMS FOR THE FINAL

MARCONI: Mark Bosnich, John Ranvic, Stephen Labbozzetta, Adam Clanter, Matthew Curmi, Alvaro Cabral, Geoff Suzar, Tony Perinich, Clinton Norris, Paul Okon, Dick Esho.

BLACKTOWN: John Crawley, Ken Irving, Jason Cooper, Graham Garrett, Greg Ericson, Kevin Healy, Roberto Starton, Brad Maloney, Michael Lenz, Glen Johnson, Edward Clune.

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AUSTRALIA'S U16 SQUAD



DEAN NICOLAOU

Birthdate: 11/1/70

State: W A

Club: Inglewood Kiev

Association/League: State League

School: Mount Lawley Senior High

Main honours as player: Representing U13, 14 (captain)

Ambitions in sport: To play for Australia

Ambitions in life: Something in the business line

Age commenced Soccer: 7

First club: Inglewood Kiev

Other sports: Used to play cricket



NEAL COTGROVE

Birthdate: 22/7/69

State: Queensland

Club: Healty Rangers (Townsville)

Association/League: Nth Queensland

School: Kirwan

Ambitions in sport: Represent Australia and win World Cup

Ambitions in life: Get high honours at school

Age commenced Soccer: 7

First club: Healty Rangers

Other sports: cricket



STELLIOS (STAN) THODIS

Birthdate: 11/4/69

State: Victoria

Club: Heidelberg Utd

Association/League: NSL Youth League (south)

School: East Doncaster High

Main honours as player: State Rep U14, U15, Australian Rep U15

Ambitions in sport: Play for Australia in World Cup.

Ambitions in life: To get a good education and lead a fulfilling life

Age commenced Soccer: 11

First club: Doncaster Rovers (Vic)

Other sports: Karate, athletics



TONY RAZMOVSKI

Birthdate: 9/2/69

State: NNSW

Club: Mayfield United

Association/League: Newcastle

School: Merewether High

Main honours as player: Northern NSW U13, 14, 15

Ambitions in sport: Play for Australia in World Cup

Ambitions in life: To do my best in any job

Age commenced Soccer: 8

First club: Adamstown Rosebud United

Other sports: swimming, cricket, indoor soccer

PRE-SEASON AT WISEMANS FERRY

A \$1,000 cash prize tournament, with individual trophies to the winning and runner-up team members, will be played on March 9/10 and 16/17 at the Del Rio Aquatic Club at Wisemans Ferry.

Former Canterbury & Districts SFA secretary Jim Wakeling is the man behind this pre-season series, which will be an annual event.

All-age, Under 21 and Under 18 teams can enter.

The cost of the trophies and the fees on Class 1 and 2 referees will be met from entry dues.

The competition has been sanctioned by the NSW Amateur Soccer Federation Sydney Branch.

The KO matches are for 30 minutes each way and rules generally are based on the NSWASF Robertson and Amateur Cup regulations.

There is a complete range of recreation activities available at the park and every team will be supplied with 30 free passes.

The Del Rio Leisure Resort is located on Dodson Rd & Riverside Drive, Webbs Creek via Wisemans Ferry.

The man to contact is Jim Wakeling 560 4485 (B) or 624 8427 (H) and entries close shortly.

SPEED TO BURN

BY FRANK FINLAY

A 19-YEAR-OLD sweeper who has several times clocked 10.09 seconds for the 100 metres dash is certainly one out of the box.



Michael Armstrong, nicknamed "Acceleration", has also won a NSW state championship and twice represented Riverina at athletics.

He earlier played for Albury United and is now with Albury City Soccer Club.

In one year when he was at Murray High School he collected 32 goals.

He says he is trying to imitate his favourite player Zico.

His aim is to play in the National League. Apart from that he is an avid Manchester United supporter.



HOW TO GET THERE

Go to Wisemans Ferry (from Sydney - through Dural, Glenorie) from Windsor - through McGraths Hill, Pitt Town; cross the Webbs Creek ferry, turn left; cross concrete bridge, travel 2 km.

1985 NATIONALS

IT is all systems go for the 1985 national junior championships.

The programme calls for matches over the second week of May, from Sunday 12 to Saturday 18.

Venues are: U13 at Parklea, Sydney, U14 at Whyalla SA and U15 in the Latrobe Valley district of Victoria.

CENTENARY CUP

THIS year's Centenary Cup for Under 12 teams will be played under a new banner.

The competition, which includes many interstate and country entries, runs from Sunday May 5 to Saturday May 11 in Sydney.

This year's entries close on March 31 with competition secretary Bill Cullinan, 1 Boree St, Eastwood, NSW 2122, Phone (02) 888 5159.

Into the picture has come Treloar Sporting Supplies, whose sponsorship of the tournament will cover a financial donation and supply of footballs.

The NSW Amateur Federation recently approved a change of name to the Treloar Centenary Cup.

The benefit of the series is to bring schoolboys together at school holiday time for a sporting series which adds to the general standard of play.

MINI SUCCESS

MARCONI is happy over the displays of its Under 13 Mini Ampol Cup tournament.

Three players who have shown out are midfielders Paul Okon and Tony Perinich and goalkeeper Mark Bosnich.

Paul has been leading scorer whilst Tony had given his all with a great work-rate.

Goalkeeper Mark has the ability and the right attitude and no doubt he will find the answer as the real pressure comes.

TANNER TROPHY WIN

KU-RING-GAI'S representative record last season was not outstanding but one group came to the fore.

The Under 11 skills squad under head coach Rob Forrai ran out 2-1 winners over Illawarra in the final of the A.S. Tanner Memorial Trophy.

St George Soccer Association runs the tournament each year. Ku-ring-gai came through against outstanding opposition in their four preliminary matches and then defeated Canterbury Association 3-0 to enter the final.

INDOOR CHAMPIONS

THE Australian Indoor Soccer Championships were held at the Australian Institute of Sport over the Australia Day weekend.

Here are the Australian champion state teams in the respective grades.



□ NEW SOUTH WALES — UNDER 13 WINNERS



□ SOUTH AUSTRALIA — UNDER 14 WINNERS



□ VICTORIA — UNDER 15 WINNERS



□ NSW — UNDER 16 WINNERS

QUEENSLAND'S PAM GILBERT RETIRES

PAM GILBERT, the first-ever life member of the Queensland Junior Soccer Council, has decided to stand down from any executive appointments.

For eight years Pam was treasurer of the organisation. Last year she served as secretary.

She was a member of the original Queensland executive back in 1976.

Fortunately for Queensland juniors, Mrs Gilbert has assured president Andy Boscacci that she will be of some assistance in future by accepting committee positions and representing the Council when required.

It is a mark in favour of Queensland's management that they can set out a proposed budget for the coming season in the past year's report.

Including government grants of \$7,000, the QJSC has set out to raise \$40,100 to cover the 1985 season's state activities.

Affiliation fees are paid by each zone in two instalments — one

by April 30 and the second by July 31.

The main item of expenditure is \$29,000 for the state teams. The air-fare component for the training weekend and National Championships in NSW, Victoria and South Australia is \$16,500.

A State subsidy this year could lighten the burden.

With the active co-operation of QSF Secretary Alan Vessey, the

juniors expect QSF marketing to be on the road this year.

The juniors will gain from the franchising of sports gear so Mr Boscacci has appealed for full cooperation from all affiliated associations.

The QJSF has also gained markedly from sponsorships by Mazda Queensland, Ampol and Attack Sports Pty Ltd's playing outfits.

JUNIOR SLICKERS TO NEW ZEALAND

TERRY STERN'S Sydney City Under 11 squad is busy raising funds for a tour to the Land of the Long White Cloud later in the year.

The club's registration day produced 100 young players in the 6-14 years group.

This was a better initial figure than in 1984 when 215 juniors finally registered by the time cricket commitments were over.

Last year's president Steve Serda has moved up with the Under 13 Youth League side. His place has been taken by Tom Guth.

Joe Marton is senior vice-president, with Oliver Sinclair vice-president and registrar.

Terry Stern is junior club secretary and Steve Tobias the treasurer.

SCHOOLS LOSS

SOCCER on the NSW Far North Coast will be the poorer for the passing of Warren Bancroft, formerly a teacher at Richmond River High School at Lismore.

He was particularly active in preparing teams for the Commonwealth Bank Soccer Cup and recently was regional co-ordinator for the Under 15 Bill Turner Cup.

ACKERMAN TOPS IN COUNTRY

SOCCER in Wagga made a great gain over 14 years ago when Allen (Harry) Ackerman moved down from Sydney to Wagga.

He had been a player with St George Budapest and then turned his hand to coaching with Kogarah Waratahs' senior side.

Henwood Park Soccer Club snapped him up and he has taken many junior sides to competition championships.

Believing that "you never know enough when coaching," he has obtained his second level coaching certificate and is now working towards his senior badge.

This year he has been appointed to coach Lake Albert Soccer Club's senior and reserve grade teams in the Northern Riverina Soccer League's B Division.

Whether working with seniors or juniors, his success is grounded on his demand for discipline and dedication.

— FRANK FINLAY

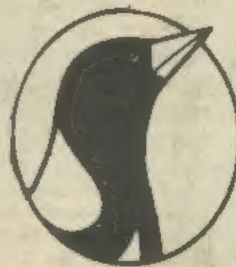


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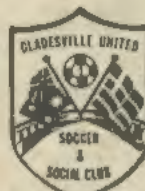
• **BANNOCKBURN ROVERS** hail from the Bannockburn Rd., Pymble district in the Kuring-gai Association. In view of the "Bannockburn" background, the Scottish thistle is the key point of their emblem.



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NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL



□ NEWCASTLE AUSTRAL UNDER 10 1984:

BACK ROW: Mr H Cowen (coach), C Knott, B Dries, G Harrison, I Spencer, G Hollis, S Cowen, Mr D Petherbridge (manager).

FRONT ROW: G Cappellacci, M O'Connor, S Dagwell, D Rees, P Lewis, J Petherbridge.

ABSENT: M Jackson

RECORD: Minor and Major Premiers, 47 goals for, six against.



WOMEN'S SOCCER

World Women's Invitational Football Tournament

OPENING CEREMONY WAS SPECTACULAR

BY JOHN ECONOMOS

THE most spectacular, unbelievable, multi-coloured opening ceremony I have ever seen in soccer.

The event was the World Women's Invitational Football Tournament (WWIFT).

It was a magnificent production of marching, dancing and acrobatic routines, all synchronised and choreographed to superb sound-tracks.

The venue was the Taipei Municipal Stadium, Taipei City, Taiwan, before a crowd of 28,000 last December.

The performance lasted two solid hours. Apart from the actual players, 6,300 people taking part in the opening ceremony, which was like an instant replay of the Moscow Olympic Games back in 1980.

Such was the powerful impact of the opening ceremony at this "unofficial Women's World Cup" as the people of the Republic of China (Taiwan) revealed to the world their capacity for imagination, discipline and organisation.

Months of patient preparation, rehearsals and unaccountable sacrifices went into the production of this super spectacular.

Total cost of staging the tournament was over 11 million New Taiwan dollars, which is approximately \$350,000.

To begin with, an entire grandstand of the Municipal Stadium was stacked with people, each possessing a series of patterned, colour-coded placards. At given signals throughout the ceremony, they would hold selected placards above their heads to form huge lettering, spelling out messages of welcome and the names of the parading nations (first in English then switching to Chinese).

Action painted by people

As well as repeatedly unfolding a sea of messages that rippled across the vast grandstand, patterns of soccer players in action would flood the entire length of the stadium.

One such spectacular sketch portrayed a striker climbing high to head a goal.

Can you picture a 100 metre wide, colourful, action-packed mural?

The Australian squad assembled in the arena, together with the other 10 squads, were stunned at the spectacle unfolding before their eyes, as were the 28,000 spectators.

With the official march by the squads completed, the players scrambled back up to their seats in the grandstand to sit back, relax and witness the rest of the ceremony.

What followed was simply magnificent.

An exhibition of co-ordination, magnificent costumes, numerous routines, executed with immaculate timing, as the performers went through their colourful displays with geometric precision.

The Republic of China (Taiwan) can be very proud and take a bow to the world.

The performers who spilled out in hundreds across the arena, clad in colour co-ordinated costumes, were not just restricted to men and women.

Two routines involved no fewer than 400 little children. And I mean little. They were mostly aged between five and six.

A team of 1,800 young girls, dressed in white and pink costumes, holding huge white and pink feathered fans, performed elegant, graceful dances.



4,000 people holding placards unfold the symbol of WWIFT 1984.



800 dancing girls, dressed in white and black, wave feathered fans.



TAIWAN'S 600 air force cadets perform ground drills.

The Municipal Stadium was in seconds transformed into a sea of white and pink waves, rippling streams of white, then pink, then white, and so on, across the entire surface of the arena.

This was followed up when another 1,000 children, all under the age of six, dressed in bright blue and white costumes, streamed across the stadium performing dances and marches.

With the children completing their performance and the arena cleared in seconds, 12 huge, long, golden Chinese dragons snaked their way out in front of the spectators.

The 12 brightly coloured dragons (each manned by up to 14 people) performed spectacular dance routines to the beat of loud drums in the background.

Amid fireworks being lit, the traditional mythical golden monsters snaked their way around the arena, twisting and turning, and had thousands of children in the audience held in a hypnotic trance of delight, not to mention the adults.

With the Chinese traditional dragon displays over, 600 male air force cadets, in shorts only, marched out on to the pitch to perform drills involving precision gymnastics, marching, human pyramid building and ground exercises.

Taiwan take a bow; your production was magnificent, not to mention unforgettable.

ALLAN IS AN 'ACHIEVER'

NEWLY-ELECTED president of the Australian Women's Soccer Association, Mr Allan Hampton, is a little more than just another soccer administrator with the AWSA.

Allan, a consultant with the New Zealand Insurance Company, has a soccer background which has given him solid knowledge in the code.

From Northern NSW, he has been involved with women's soccer for 11 years, the last five as president of NNSW.

Having played the game, Allan has represented at local, district and state level.

Mr Hampton showed great enterprise taking up studies to achieve a Level 2 coaching certificate, a class 3 referee's certificate, and acquired a Level 1 administration certificate from the Department of Sport and Recreation.

Here is one soccer official who has held all positions on executive



ALLAN HAMPTON

committees at one time or other, giving up much of his valuable time for the code in which our girls play.

— JOHN ECONOMOS

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VENABLES IS A HOT PROPERTY

TERRY VENABLES' remarkable success with Barcelona could be the springboard to land him a job he has always wanted ... as England's team manager.

Spanish fans had grave doubts about the Englishman succeeding in the hot seat at Bar-

celona but now they're delighted with his successful debut season.

So much so the club

has offered Venables a new four-year contract which would ensure he returned to Britain a millionaire.

But if Barcelona win the title in a canter, as seems likely, the Cockney kid from Dagenham will be able to pick and choose his next assignment.

It is interesting to note that Gianni Agnelli, boss of Juventus and the giant Fiat company, said recently: "Venables is the only world star who is not in Italy!"

Agnelli says an Italian club is certain to bid for the coaching talent of Terry Venables in the next few months.

Mexicans prepare

MEXICO are determined to get good results as host nation for the World Cup in 1986.

The Mexicans have never been taken as a serious threat on the international scene and are regularly knocked over by the South American giants.

But the current Mexican squad is looking good.

On a recent tour of four countries, they lost only once, going down 1-0 to Chile — no great disgrace.

Other tour results were 1-1 draws with Argentina and Chile and a 2-0 win against Trinidad.

WORLD RESULTS

ITALY

Atalanta v Fiorentina	2-2
Avellino v Cremonese	2-0
Como v Napoli	1-1
Lazio v Ascoli	0-0
Milan v Juventus	3-2
Sampdoria v Roma	3-0
Torino v Udinese	1-0
Verona v Inter	1-1

LEADERS: Verona 28, Inter Milan 27, Torino 25, AC Milan 23, Sampdoria 23, Roma 23, Juventus 22, Fiorentina 22.

GREECE

Olympiakos v Paok	2-1
Ethnikos v OFI	2-1
Apollon v Panathinaikos	2-3
Pierikos v Aek	0-2
Aris v Panionios	2-0
Panschiki v Kalamarias	1-0
Iraklis v Larissa	1-0
Doxa v Egaleo	3-2

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Paok	13	3	3	35	18	29
Panathinaikos	12	4	3	43	20	28
Aek	10	6	3	39	20	26
Olympiakos	12	2	5	31	14	26
Iraklis	12	2	5	30	18	26
Larissa	9	4	6	38	23	22
Panionios	7	7	5	21	17	21

BRADY ENJOYS JUE VICTORY

IRISHMAN Liam Brady was not too happy when he was allowed to leave Italy's top club, Juventus, to play for the lesser outfit of Sampdoria.

So Liam always enjoys it when he can help beat his former club.

Not so long ago, Inter Milan, Brady's present club, hammered Juventus 4-0.

"That's the fifth time I have played against Juventus since I left them," said Brady, "and the record is three wins and two draws."

By the way, the last time Juventus went down 4-0 was in 1979-80. On

that occasion they lost to Inter, who went on to take the Italian championship.

There could be an omen there. Certainly Inter are looking a reasonable bet for this year's title.

Even if Karl-Heinz Rummenigge is not getting many goals and Liam Brady is not showing consistent form.



LIAM BRADY



TERRY VENABLES



TWO German Internationals in action during Sunday's Italian top-of-the-table match between Inter Milan and Verona. Karl-Heinz Rummenigge has the ball but Peter Briegel comes in the tackle. The match in Verona ended in a 1-1 draw.

SPAIN

At Madrid v Valencia	2-0
Murcia v Hercules	0-2
Espanol v Sevilla	1-0
Malaga v Real Madrid	1-1
Elche v Bilbao	1-0
Zaragoza v Racing	0-0
Bella v Sporting	1-2
Sociedad v Barcelona	0-0
Ossuna v Vidor	3-0

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Barcelona	17	7	1	55	17	41
At Madrid	12	7	5	37	21	31
Sporting	13	4	2	31	19	29
Valencia	12	5	3	32	21	28
Real Madrid	10	6	2	29	24	28
Sociedad	10	7	2	29	22	26
Zaragoza	8	8	2	29	25	26

PORTUGAL

Porto v Setubal	4-0
Sporting v Salgueiros	4-1
Rio Ave v Benfica	2-2
Portimonense v Boavista	2-1
Vizela v Academica	1-2
Penafiel v Varzim	2-1
Benfense v Farense	2-1

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Porto	17	1	1	53	7	35
Sporting	13	5	1	50	17	31
Benfica	12	3	4	41	20	27
Pmonense	11	3	5	37	26	25
Boavista	7	8	4	26	19	22

BRAZIL

Santos v Botafogo	2-2
Goias v Gremio	2-2
Corinthians v Sao Paulo	2-0
Vasco da Gama v Santa Cruz	1-1
Nautico v Fluminense	1-0
Bahia v America of Rio	0-2
Coritiba v Flamengo	0-1
Guarani v Pague D'portes	4-2
Palmeiras v Cruzeiro	2-0
Athletico Mineiro v Nacional	1-0

STANDINGS:
Group A — Guarani 9 points, Athletico Mineiro and Gremio 8, Palmeiras 7, Fluminense 6.
Group B — Flamengo 9 points, Internacional and Bahia 7, Vasco da Gama and Nautico 6.

SCOTLAND

Drawn for the quarter-finals of the Scottish Cup:
St Mirren v Dundee United, Dundee v Celtic, Brechin or Hearts v Aberdeen, Meadowbank or Motherwell v Forth.

Matches to be played on Saturday, March 9.

UK Scene



□ JIM MELROSE

SCOTLAND NEED JIM MELROSE

JIM MELROSE should play for Scotland.

That's the opinion of Tommy Docherty, who badly wanted to sign the centre-forward from Celtic but could not raise the \$60,000 fee.

"When I knew I couldn't get Melrose to Wolves, I advised Manchester City to grab him," said The Doc.

Docherty reckons Alan Brazil, who cost Manchester United \$1,100,000, is not fit to lace Melrose's boots. He also rates Melrose

superior to Mo Johnston.

In his first seven games for Manchester City, Melrose hit six goals... one of them being described as "the best ever scored at Maine Road."

REBEL CLUBS TAKE ACTION

THERE is a rebel move in England for the Football League Management Committee to be thrown out — because several clubs believe the committee is not bringing in sufficient money from TV and Pools.

A new agreement has just been signed with the Pools companies. It is worth \$16,000,000 a year to the clubs.

Far from making everyone happy, the deal brought the following comment from one club chairman: "If that's all the money they can bring into the same it's terrible... a disgrace."

'AXE HOWE' CRY AFTER CUP LOSS

SPECTATOR power could cost Don Howe his job as manager of Arsenal.

There is a serious move among the Gunners' fans to empty out both Howe and the club chairman Peter Hill-Wood.

The so-called Arsenal Action Group has called a meeting of the club's supporters following the team's shock FA Cup defeat by York City.

A spokesman for the Action Group said: "The manager has spent over a million pounds on players in the past year. But once again we have gone out of the two Cup competitions to teams from the Second and Third Divisions."

"We were against

the appointment of Don Howe in the first place and he has lost the respect of the fans."

That's cruel stuff but don't underestimate the power of the fans. Only 18 months ago, they played a big part in

the sacking of Terry Neill when they collected 8,000 signatures on a petition calling for Neill to resign.

RAY REMAINS ON OUTER

DESPITE Ray Clemence's fine form this season with Spurs, he has no desire to win back his England international goalkeeping spot.

"I'll always treasure my 61 England caps but, contrary to rumour, I am not going to ask England manager Bobby Robson to call me back for his squad," said Clemence.

He went on: "I stick by the decision I made when Mr Robson clearly considered Peter Shilton his first choice."

"I see no future in playing second fiddle, used only in games

where the opposition is not so hot. "My last two games

were against Luxembourg — so you see what I mean."



□ RAY CLEMENCE



□ DON HOWE

FORGOTTEN MAN ARCHIE GEMMILL

ARCHIE GEMMILL, former captain of Scotland, had a brilliant career with Preston, Derby, Nottingham Forest and Birmingham City, but since retiring at the end of last season, he has been a forgotten man.

Archie's ambition is to manage a top club. Surprisingly, none seems to want him.

For the past nine months, he has been waiting to be called up

by a club — any club — which could use his enormous expertise. But he remains on the outside looking in.

In his 20 years in the game, Gemmill played

more than 700 games and had 43 Scotland appearances, 30 of them as captain of his country. He won three first division championship medals and two League Cup Medals.

Still only 37, he could carry on playing by accepting one of several offers he has received but he doesn't want to play.

"Hanging up my boots was a gamble and, so far, it has backfired," said the Scottish midfielder.

"I felt it was the right time for me to go into management but the only offers I've had have been to play. But I am an ex-player."

Gemmill keeps very fit with five-mile runs four times a week and he is also a partner in an office cleaning business.

But his heart is set on managing a football club.



□ ARCHIE GEMMILL



DAVID FAILS TO SHOW

FORMER Liverpool "supersub" David Fairclough failed to turn up for an interview with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

Wolves boss Tommy Docherty wanted Fairclough to help in the team's battle against relegation but when the player did not arrive to discuss terms, The Doc decided to search elsewhere.

Fairclough is with Lucerne in Switzerland but is on a free transfer.

ENGLISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Everton	25	16	4	5	57	29	52
Tottenham	25	14	6	5	51	27	48
Man Utd	25	13	6	7	49	31	45
Arsenal	26	13	4	9	46	35	43
Southampton	26	12	7	7	34	28	43
Sheff Wed	25	11	9	5	40	25	42
Liverpool	25	11	9	6	37	23	42
Notts Forest	25	13	3	9	39	34	42
Chelsea	26	10	10	6	42	30	40
Norwich	26	10	6	10	31	35	36
WBA	26	10	5	11	37	38	35
Aston Villa	25	9	7	9	36	39	34
West Ham	24	8	8	8	31	35	32
QPR	27	7	10	10	32	45	31
Leicester	25	8	6	11	39	52	30
Newcastle	24	7	8	9	45	46	29
Wolves	25	8	5	12	30	36	29
Sunderland	26	7	4	15	27	47	25
Coventry	24	5	7	12	22	35	22
Ipswich	24	5	7	12	29	45	22
Luton	25	2	6	17	17	53	12
Stoke	25	2	6	17	17	53	12

ENGLISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Blackburn	26	15	7	4	52	19	49
Oxford	23	14	7	6	43	24	49
Man City	24	15	4	5	34	21	49
Birmingham	26	11	10	5	41	35	43
Portsmouth	26	12	6	8	46	30	42
Leeds	26	12	6	8	29	20	42
Brighton	24	10	4	10	28	17	40
Barnsley	26	12	4	10	35	36	40
Huddersfield	26	12	3	11	46	46	39
Fulham	26	12	8	7	46	37	38
Shrewsbury	26	11	5	10	47	42	38
Grimsby	25	9	5	11	43	52	31
Wimbledon	27	7	10	10	41	42	31
Sheff Utd	26	9	4	13	28	40	31
Carlisle	26	9	4	13	28	40	31
Oldham	25	7	6	12	32	37	27
Charlton	25	7	6	11	29	38	26
Crystal Palace	25	6	6	15	30	43	24
Middlesbrough	27	6	5	15	30	52	23
Wolves	26	6	5	15	23	52	20
Notts County	27	5	4	17	28	53	19
Cardiff	26	5	4	17	28	53	19

ENGLISH DIVISION THREE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bradford	28	19	5	4	48	21	62
Rotherham	28	15	5	8	41	32	50
Hull	27	13	9	5	43	29	48
Millwall	26	13	7	6	42	28	46
Gillingham	25	14	4	7	46	39	46
Bournemouth	30	13	7	10	31	25	45
York	27	13	5	9	49	34	44
Bristol City	27	12	6	9	42	34	42
Bristol Rovers	27	12	6	9	41	34	42
Reading	26	12	5	9	42	40	41
Derby	26	11	6	9	40	34	39
Doncaster	27	11	5	11	46	42	38
Bolton	29	11	4	14	45	39	37
Walsall	24	9	9	6	30	27	36
Brentford	28	9	9	10	30	35	36
Wigan	28	9	8	11	36	32	35
Brentford	26	8	8	10	32	35	32
Newport	27	8	8	11	40	46	30
Plymouth	25	7	9	9	29	26	30
Lincoln	26	6	8	12	38	43	25
Burnley	28	7	4	17	29	50	25
Orient	29	6	7	16	31	53	25
Swansea	26	6	4	16	31	62	22
Preston	26	3	4	19	20	52	13
Cambridge	26	3	4	19	20	52	13

ENGLISH DIVISION FOUR

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Bury	27	16	6	5	45	25	54
Chesham	27	14	9	4	42	25	51
Peterborough	29	15	5	9	42	33	50
Blackpool	26	14	7	5	41	24	45
Hereford	25	14	6	5	40	20	45
Darlington	24	13	9	2	33	16	45
Colchester	26	13	7	6	35	42	45
Tranmere	27	13	1	13	48	43	40
Crewe	27	11	6	10	37	38	38
Swindon	26	11	5	10	35	36	38
Hartlepool	27	9	9	9	30	35	38
Scunthorpe	26	9	8	9	38	34	35
Port Vale	26	9	8	9	37	35	35
Southend	29	9	7	13	43	61	34
Mansfield	24	8	8	8	19	16	33
Exeter	27	7	9	11	36	46	33
Rochdale	25	7	9	11	26	33	31
Aldershot	25	7	6	12	32	39	25
Stockport	24	7	6	11	32	41	25
Halifax	26	6	2	16	25	42	21
Chesham	25	6	7	12	28	37	21
Torquay	27	5	8	14	25	42	21
Northampton	27	7	2	18	34	52	20
Wrexham	26	6	4	16	40	48	20

SCOTTISH PREMIER DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Aberdeen	26	19	4	3	61	19	44
Celtic	23	14	5	4	50	22	33
Rangers	26	10	11	5	33	25	33
Dundee Utd	24	12	5	7	40	25	33
St Mirren	25	11	4	10	30	37	26
Hearts	25	10	4	11	34	41	22
Dundee	25	9	7	13	28	40	1
Dumbarton	26	6	5	15	28	45	1
Hibernian	24	4	1	19	22	69	9
Morion	24	4	1	19	22	69	9

SCOTTISH DIVISION ONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Airdrie	25	13	5	7	46	29	33
Clydebank	24	12	7	5	37	25	33
Motherwell	26	13	5	8	40	29	33
Hamilton	27	12	6	9	34	34	30
East Fife	27	9	10	8	44	36	29
Forfar	25	10	8	7	41	34	28
Clyde	26	11	5	10	37	38	28
Brechin	25	11	4	10	48	46	28
Falkirk	24	8	7	9	34	35	22
Ayr	26	7	6	13	30	41	22
Partick	25	7	6	12	23	42	22
Kilmarnock	25	7	4	14	37	47	21
St Johnstone	26	4	9	13	32	49	1
Meadowbank	26	4	9	13	32	49	1

SCOTTISH DIVISION TWO

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Alloa	25	15	7	3	41	18	33
Montrose	24	17	3	5	40	25	33
Dunfermline	24	10	9	5	39	26	33
Cowdenbeath	23	10	5	8	43	28	33
Stranraer	24	9	9	7	26	30	33
Stirling	22	9	5	12	37	32	33
Queen's Park	24	9	4	11	34	37	33
Raith	23	8	5	10	33	35	33
Berwick	23	5	9	9	23	25	32
Q o' Sth	22	5	8	9	25	32	32
Arbroath	26	6	6	14	22	47	27
Stirling Albion	23	4	9	10	27	39	27
Albion	22	7	3	12	24	41	24